

Resources and Information

Evaluating Sexual Abuse in Children

Sexually abused children are seen by pediatricians and family care practitioners in a variety of circumstances, but the diagnosis of sexual abuse and the protection of the child from additional harm depend in part on the provider's willingness to consider abuse as a possibility. Sexually abused children who have not disclosed abuse may present with a variety of symptoms and signs. Released this week by the National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC), the Evaluation of Sexual Abuse in Children was developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics to assist pediatric and family care providers in effectively evaluating and caring for children who are sexually abused. Go to

http://www.guideline.gov/summary/summary.aspx?view_id=1&doc_id=7583
to access the complete guideline.