



# INDIAN CHILD PROTECTION MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS NETWORK



International Centre  
FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN



## What is the Indian Child Protection Medical Professionals Network (ICPMPN)?



The ICPMPN is a group of trained physicians located throughout India who provide technical assistance and support to healthcare providers and other professionals who work with children suspected of being sexually abused or exploited



It is a collaboration between the Indian Child Abuse Neglect and Child Labour (ICANCL) chapter of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics, and the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC).



Network physicians receive ongoing education and technical assistance that enables them to serve as 'local child sexual abuse healthcare resources' in their own communities.

## Why do we need the ICPMPN?

A 2007 national study showed that nearly

**21%** OF SURVEYED CHILDREN HAD EXPERIENCED SEVERE SEXUAL ABUSE

while >50% reported some form of sexual abuse.

**FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE HIGH RISK**

circumstances or respond appropriately may leave children vulnerable to ongoing abuse and harm.

Indian law requires physicians to evaluate and treat children suspected of having been sexually abused/exploited, and the entire forensic examination and documentation is the responsibility of the physician, however,

**MANY PHYSICIANS LACK THE TRAINING**

to fulfill this mandate.



## What can the ICPMPN do for me?

### NON-HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Police & Youth Serving Professionals

- The provider can answer your questions about health aspects of child sexual abuse/exploitation, serving as your local healthcare resource on this topic
- Some network providers are able to conduct medical evaluations (examination and testing) of children suspected of being sexually abused/exploited who are referred by you.
- These providers can evaluate boys, girls, and transgender youth up to 18 years of age.
- The provider will
  - conduct the forensic examination,
  - test and treat for pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections as indicated
  - provide necessary referrals for medical complications and mental health care.
  - provide you with a report which you can use in your investigation, and
  - testify in court as needed.

### HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

- The network provider in your area can answer your questions and assist you when you have a patient you suspect has been abused/exploited. While the law requires that you provide the medical evaluation yourself, the network provider can support you by guiding you, or assisting you in the medico-legal examination and documentation.



## How do I contact a local Network Provider to request assistance?

Visit this URL to access a list of network providers in your area:

<https://www.icmec.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Indian-Child-Protection-Medical-Professionals-Network.pdf>

