

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE

POLICY: OVMC shall make its facility available for the identification, evaluation, treatment, and follow-up of Suspected Child Abuse cases.

All OVMC employees have the responsibility to participate in identifying and reporting cases of suspected child abuse or neglect

PURPOSE: To state the OVMC policy on identifying, reporting and treating Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect.

DEPARTMENTS: All

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE: As a prerequisite to employment, all new employees shall be asked to sign statements certifying that they have read, understand and will comply with reporting obligations, as required by law.

Any employee that identifies a suspected Child Abuse situation must complete a “Suspected Child Abuse Report” (SCAR) form SS85-72, as well as call the Child Abuse Hotline (800-540-4000) immediately. In the case of infants prenatally exposed to drugs a “Newborn Risk Assessment” form must also be completed.

After completion of the above steps the SCAR forms must be sent to the Social Work Department (RM 1A139) and a copy put in the medical record by the end of the shift. A copy of all forms must also be forwarded to the HUB Clinic, Attention SCAN Social Worker.

The Social Work Department shall distribute the forms to the appropriate agencies within 36 hours.

The employee may contact Social Work (Ext 4236) or the SCAN clinic (Ext. 4681) for any questions.

Appropriate medical care, including emergency care and ongoing inpatient and /or outpatient treatment shall be provided to ensure the health, safety, emotional and

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social well-being of the child until long term intervention programs have been appropriately implemented.

References: California Penal Code Section 11165, 11166, 261.5d, 288c, 273 a or d, WIC Section 7501 DHS "Child Abuse Guidelines", WIC Section 500	
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