

1  **WORKING WITH YOUR MEDICAL EXPERT WITNESS**

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2  **Today's Overview**

3  **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR EXPERT**

4  **Who is your expert?**

- Background
  - Nurse, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Doctor, SANE nurse
- Experience
  - R ostered with CMEP?
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- Court Experience
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5  **BEFORE COURT**

6  **Before Court**

- First Date
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- Read report
- Clarify what you need for your case
- Discuss any photos or x-rays you want to use to illustrate points
- Discuss what your expert can/can't testify to
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7  **Before Court continued**

- Share quirks of judge or lawyer
- Share opposing strategies, if known
- Discuss cost
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- Medical experts can clarify medical issues in:
  - Ph ysi cal abuse
  - Sexual abuse
  - Neglect
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8  **COURT**

9  **Court**

- You are the expert
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- Help us educate the court
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- Respect goes both ways

10  **AFTER COURT**

11  **Feedback**

- What went right
  - Voice, clarity, language, displays
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- What could be better
  - Voice, expressions, clarity
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- Build that relationship!

12  **Resources**

- North Carolina Child Medical Evaluation Program  
<http://www.med.unc.edu/cmep/>
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- National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse  
[http://www.ndaa.org/npcpa\\_home.html](http://www.ndaa.org/npcpa_home.html)
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- American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children  
<http://www.apsac.org>

13  **Resources continued**

- Medico-Legal Guidelines of North Carolina, last revised 2009
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- North Carolina Children's Advocacy Centers  
<http://www.cacnc.org>
- North Carolina Professional Society on the Abuse of Children  
<http://www.ncpsac.org>
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14  **Summary**

- Get to know your expert
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- Discuss case beforehand
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- Feedback
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- Respect
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15  **QUESTIONS?**

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