

## A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO A COMPLEX PROBLEM

CMTC is dedicated to building a strong collaboration that brings together disciplines of health care, criminal justice, and social service within California.

# HEALTH CARE



## SOCIAL SERVICES



## BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION

Call CMTC to get the latest schedule of trainings and to find out how your organization can benefit from our programs. These trainings and programs are offered free or at a nominal cost to all qualified California residents. (Limited space for non-California residents may be available. Non-residents will be charged an out-of-state tuition.)



## LAW ENFORCEMENT



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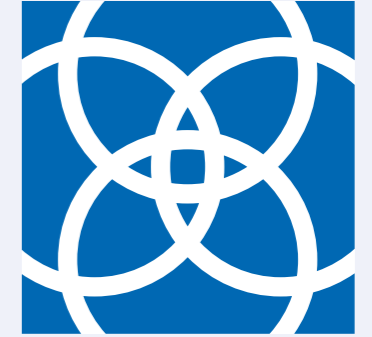
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# CALIFORNIA MEDICAL TRAINING CENTER

IMPROVING THE  
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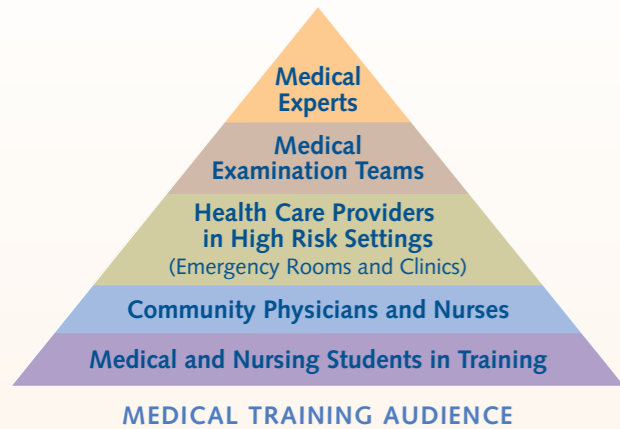




## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL TRAINING CENTER

Violence is both a criminal justice and public health concern that requires an integrated multidisciplinary approach. The California Medical Training Center (CMTC) was established by state law to increase access by victims of interpersonal violence to trained health care professionals throughout California. Training is provided for health care providers to identify, evaluate and document injuries; to better manage the health care consequences of abuse; and to effectively collaborate with social services, law enforcement agencies, advocacy organizations, and the criminal justice system. CMTC also provides training to law enforcement officers, district attorneys, public defenders, investigative social workers, and judges on medical evidentiary examination procedures and the interpretation of findings. **This forensic medical and public health approach focuses on five critical areas of concern:**

- Child physical abuse and neglect
- Child sexual abuse
- Elder and dependent adult abuse
- Sexual assault
- Domestic violence



## WE ARE HERE TO HELP

As a health care professional, a social worker, a lawyer, or a member of a law enforcement agency, you may have seen where the system can fail ...

A patrol officer brings a sexual assault victim to the emergency room. After she is examined, the evidence is improperly dried and packaged. As a result, the crime laboratory cannot analyze the evidence.

A social worker suspects that a 4-year old client is being sexually abused. She arranges for the child to have a medical exam. No health care professional in the area has been trained on how to perform a forensic medical exam. The findings, while suspicious, are inconclusive and the social worker has no choice but to return the child to the high-risk situation.

A physician suspects domestic violence when a female patient presents with abrasions that are inconsistent with her story on how the injuries occurred. The physician does not know how to approach the issue of abuse or document her concerns. A month later, the woman suffers a fatal beating. When the prosecuting attorney subpoenas records of the exam, they are of little help in providing evidence of prior physical abuse.

A nurse practitioner cares for an elderly woman with bruises on her face. The son assures him that everything is fine. She has a strong suspicion that the elderly woman is in an unsafe environment, but doesn't know what to do next.

*If these stories sound familiar, we can help.*

## COURSE CONTENT

Standardized medical curriculum and training programs are under development. Course content is designed to increase knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- Identification, assessment and case management for patients who have been abused, neglected or assaulted
- Delineation between accidental and non-accidental injuries
- Forensic medical examinations and documentation of injuries
- Epidemiology, dynamics and psychological trauma
- Causation of disabilities and impact upon persons with disabilities
- Multi-disciplinary approach and team models collaborating with law enforcement, advocacy organizations and social service agencies

See [www.calmtc.org](http://www.calmtc.org) for course listings and schedule.

## A VARIETY OF TRAINING OPTIONS AVAILABLE

CMTC is dedicated to reaching every region in the state using traditional training methods, as well as, state-of-the art distance learning technology. We provide trainings in both rural and urban communities and can deliver training in several venues:

- Basic, advanced and specialized courses
- Seminars and classes on-site or in your community
- Presentations at your professional meetings
- Videoconferencing or telecourses through satellite transmission
- Case consultations
- Telemedicine agreements and consultations
- Policy forums and research symposiums to educate stakeholders, policymakers and professionals to develop an optimal community response to victims



## CMTC'S VISION

CMTC is dedicated to improving California's health care system response to victims of interpersonal violence by:

- Increasing the numbers of trained, qualified health care providers in rural and urban areas with the expertise to comprehensively respond to the victim's health and forensic medical needs.
- Improving the quality of examinations, documentation of findings, and overall intervention strategies.
- Promoting teamwork among hospitals and public and private agencies to create a coordinated community response.
- Creating medical leadership at the community level.
- Bridging the gap between medical services and the criminal justice system.
- Expanding the depth and breadth of scientific knowledge.

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