

DRUG ENDANGERED CHILD MEDICAL CHECKLIST

The purpose of this checklist is to offer a guide to document circumstances of concern among children suspected of living in or exposed to dangerous drug environments.

If child abuse or environmental drug exposure is suspected, this must be reported to child protective services. Be sure to describe the harm to children in the categories of basic needs (food, environment, clean water, clothing, medical care), safety (exposure to drug use, violence, strangers, access to weapons), and emotional well-being (dazed, drowsy, agitated, fear of parent, looking at parent before answering questions, asking to go home with staff). A copy of this form and test results should be provided to child protection investigator and be maintained in the case file.

Child's Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

DOB: _____ Gender: M/F Race/National origin: _____

Vital signs: BP _____ HR _____ RR _____ T _____ O₂ Sat _____

Medical tests:

- Check vital signs
- Collect urine sample (if not collected by law enforcement; check for detectable levels of THC, opiates, amphetamines, cocaine, etc.)
- Collect hair sample if required by local DEC protocol
- Full body scan-check for bruising, burns, muscle tenderness, and signs of pipe burns, needle sticks, loop marks, etc.
- Complete physical exam-including oral scan and skin check to determine medical, nutritional, and physical neglect

Other tests to be done as medically indicated to include, but not be limited, to:

- Sexual abuse exam by sexual assault nurse examiner or other qualified medical personnel
- STI screening
- HIV test
- Check abdominal tenderness
- Assess hydration, lungs, heart and stomach
- Mental health screening
- Other/Follow-up needed _____

Additional tests: _____

Expected date additional test results will be available: _____

Presentation to ER or medical facility (law enforcement, social services, family, etc.): _____

Needed follow-up: _____

Medical provider signature: _____ Date: _____