

ALGORITHM OF HEALTHCARE SYSTEM ACTION AGAINST VIOLENCE IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS (2023)



CLASSIFICATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

TYPES OF VIOLENCE

- Neglect
- Emotional or Psychological Violence
- Physical violence
- Sexual violence
- Child trafficking and exploitation (including sexual exploitation)
- Gender-based violence
- Female genital mutilation (FGM)
- Prenatal and perinatal violence
- Child to child violence
- Caregiver-induced factitious disorder (former Munchausen syndrome by proxy)
- Violence through Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
- Violence from institutions (Institutional, professional, secondary victimization)
- Other practices affecting the health, integrity or rights of minors (e.g. forced or early marriage, hate violence and discrimination, etc.)

ENVIRONMENT WHERE VIOLENCE OCCURS

Family

Extrafamilial

TYPE OF HEALTH PROCEDURE REQUIRED BY THE CASE OF VIOLENCE

Urgent

Ordinary

DETECTION

DISCLOSURE and/or COMMUNICATION

INDICATORS OF SUSPICION

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

EVALUATION

OF VITAL RISK

- ▶ Risk of death
- ▶ Extreme severity
- ▶ Suicide risk

SEVERITY / INJURY

- ▶ Effect on physical and psychological integrity
- ▶ Location and severity
- ▶ Vulnerability
- ▶ Signs of neglect
- ▶ Recent sexual violence

OF UNPROTECTEDNESS

- ▶ Who has responsibility for care
- ▶ What care is required
- ▶ What are the characteristics of care provision
- ▶ What guarantees of protection can be ensured (effective supports)

OF RECURRENCE

- ▶ Frequency and/or chronicity of episodes
- ▶ Behavioral characteristics of caregivers, environment and children and adolescents
- ▶ Existence or not of disprotection factors in the family and extra-family environment

URGENCY CRITERIA

- Recent episode of sexual violence (≤72 hours except vaginal penetration in pubescents, where it is extended to 7-10 days).
- There is, has been or could be a vital risk:
 - Risk of death
 - There is a serious health impact due to the presence of injuries or illnesses
 - Injuries or illnesses require hospital treatment
 - Injuries or illnesses may leave sequelae
 - There is a great psychological impact or risk of suicide
- Is at risk of lack of protection against violence:
 - There is no adequate protective family attitude or capacity to modificate or prevent the situation of abuse or violence
 - Repeated negligence with damage or risk to health
 - They do not offer logical explanations about the possible perpetrators or about the mechanisms of production of the injuries
 - The family member is suspected of being the author of the injuries, sexual violence or any form of abuse

NOTIFICATION

TO WHOM

Social Services

Court, prosecution, forensic expert

SPF

HOW (DOCUMENT)

Notification sheet

Injury report

URGENT (MEETS SOME CRITERIA)

Public Child Protection Agency

+/- Court/Prosecutor's Office

SPF

TELEPHONE

WHEN

ORDINARY (DOES NOT MEET CRITERIA)

Municipal Social Services

+/- Court/Prosecutor's Office

SPF

TELEMATIC/TELEPHONE

INTERVENTION AND FOLLOW-UP

CONSENSUAL INTERVENTION PLAN

- Prevention of secondary victimization.
- Coordinated anamnesis and examination.
- Clinical assistance: physical and emotional injuries.
- Protection, support and accompaniment.
- Prevention of revictimization.
- Information and consent.
- Sample collection.
- Follow-up until the victim's recovery.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Need for specialized assessment, tests or clinical studies or treatment in a hospital service.
- Need for immediate protection.
- * Admission may sometimes be involuntary, via the courts.

REGISTRATION AND REPORTING

Clinical report

- Clinical report
- Social report
- Forensic report

COORDINATION

- Between levels and care units of the healthcare system, in particular with the Primary HealthCare team responsible for the care of children and adolescents and mental health if required.

- Social Services
- Courts, prosecution
- Legal Medicine and Forensic Science Institutes IMLCF
- State Security Forces and Corps
- Education
- CCAA

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT HEALTHCARE SOCIAL WORK WHO COORDINATES THE PROCESS

LOCATE IN A FRIENDLY SPACE, WITH GUARANTEES OF UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY, AND FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF FAIR TREATMENT.