PAEDIATRICIAN EXPERIENCE OF COURT SUBPOENA RELATED TO SUSPECTED CHILD MALTREATMENT (Survey A) Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit

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 $\underline{\textit{Instructions}} : \textit{Please answer each question by ticking the appropriate box or writing your response in the space provided.}$

Survey completion date

Date case survey completed: SECTION 1: About me	//	_(dd/mm/yyyy)
1. Number of years since graduation from medical school:		
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2. What are your qualifications in forensic medicine (if any)?		
3. Number of child maltreatment cases in which you have had clinical contact in the past 12 months?		
4. On how many occasions have you received a subpoena to appear in court in relation to child maltreatment cases in your career?		
5. On how many occasions have you testified in court in relation to child maltreatment cases in your career?		
Patient details: The following questions refer to the patient v	vhose assessment resulted i	n the subpoena
6. Patient gender identity?	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-binary	☐ Prefer not to answer ☐ Different term (please specify) ☐ Don't know
7. Patient age (years)		
8. With which ethnic group does the patient identify? (tick all that apply)	☐ Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ☐ Māori ☐ Pacific Peoples ☐ Middle Eastern ☐ Latin American	☐ African ☐ European ☐ Asian ☐ Other ☐ Prefer not to answer ☐ Don't know
9. What was the reported maltreatment type?	☐ Head injury ☐ Physical injury (other) ☐ Sexual assault/ abuse ☐ Neglect ☐ Factitious and induced i ☐ Emotional maltreatmen	
10. Date of medical assessment	//	_ (dd/mm/yyyy)
11. Date you received the subpoena	//	_(dd/mm/yyyy)
12. Date of upcoming court appearance	//	_(dd/mm/yyyy)
13. Subpoena details: Court type to which this subpoena relates?	☐ Protective (Children's o	r Family Court)
14. Country where subpoena was issued?	☐ Australia ☐ Aotearoa New Zealand	

a) If Australia, state or territory where subpoena was issued	□ Australian Capital Territory □ New South Wales □ Northern Territory □ Queensland □ South Australia □ Tasmania □ Victoria □ Western Australia				
SECTION 2: My attitudes and beliefs					
15. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following	statements?				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) I understand my professional responsibilities when testifying in court					
b) Paediatricians who testify in court need high levels of expert knowledge					
c) I have the required skills to testify in court					
d) I am adequately trained to testify in court					
e) My training, study and experience enable me to testify in court in cases of child maltreatment					
f) I have had adequate training about cultural competency in relation to suspected child maltreatment					
SECTION 3: Impact of receiving a subpoena					
For all questions that follow, consider your experience about re 16. To what extent do you agree with the following statement:	=		-	u individu	ally?
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a) After receiving this subpoena I experienced physical symptoms such as difficulty concentrating, sleep disturbance, crying, trembling, sweating or racing heart b) Receiving a subpoena was a real burden for me c) I have adequate time between the date of subpoena and the date of planned testimony to prepare 17. To what extent do you agree with the following statement? "This subpoena has impacted my personal life (including the amount of time I spent with my friends and family, interpersonal interactions, interpersonal relationships and	Strongly disagree Strongly disagree Strongly disagree Disagree Agree	Disagree Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree

20. Please describe how this subpoena impacted your professional life (both positively and negatively).			 		
21. To what extent do you agree with the following statement? "I like testifying in court"	Strongly Disagree Neither Agree Strongly	e agree nor dis	agree		
21a. Comment if why/why not?					
22. To what extent do you agree with the following statement? "I fear testifying in court"	☐ Strongly☐ Disagred☐ Neither☐ Agree☐ Strongly	e agree nor dis	agree		
22a. Comment if why/why not?					
23. To what extent do you agree with the following statement? "My time in court is adequately remunerated"	☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree nor disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree				
23a. Comment if why/why not?					
24. To what extent do you agree with the following statements	about the im Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	r work? Agree	Strongly agree
a) This subpoena has not affected my willingness to engage in child maltreatment work					
b) I need to develop my skillset as an expert witness					
c) I would encourage others to engage in child maltreatment work					
25. To what extent do you agree with the following statement? "I am concerned about my professional reputation because of this subpoena"	☐ Yes ☐ No				
25a. If yes, what concerns do you have?					
26. How much mental effort was required to deal with this subpoena?	□ Very low mental effort □ Low mental effort □ Neither low nor high mental effort □ High mental effort □ Very high mental effort				
27. To what extent do you agree with the following statements	about the br	oader impact	s of the subpoen	a?	
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) I have previously suspected child abuse or neglect and not reported it to a statutory child protection agency					
b) This subpoena has negatively affected my willingness to report suspected cases of child maltreatment					
c) My perception is that my testimony will significantly affect my patient/ their family					
d) My perception is that my testimony will have a significant impact on society					

SECTION 4: DASS-21 Scale

28. Please read each statement and indicate how much the statement applied to you in the week you received the subpoena;

	NEVER Did not apply to me at all	SOMETIMES Applied to me to some degree, or some of the time	OFTEN Applied to me to a considerable degree, or a good part of the time	ALMOST ALWAYS Applied to me very much, or most of the time
a) I found it hard to wind down				
b) I was aware of dryness of my mouth				
c) I couldn't seem to experience any positive feeling at all				
d) I experienced breathing difficulty (eg excessively rapid breathing, breathlessness in the absence of physical exertion)				
e) I found it difficult to work up the initiative to do things				
f) I tended to over-react to situations				
g) I experienced trembling (eg in the hands)				
h) I felt like I was using a lot of nervous energy				
i) I was worried about situations in which I might panic and make a fool of myself				
j) I felt that I had nothing to look forward to				
k) I found myself getting agitated				
I) I found it difficult to relax				
m) I felt down-hearted and blue				
n) I was intolerant of anything that kept me from getting on with what I was doing				
o) I felt I was close to panic				
p) I was unable to become enthusiastic about anything				
q) I felt I wasn't worth much as a person				
r) I felt that I was rather touchy				
s) I was aware of the action of my heart in the absence of physical exertion (eg sense of heart rate increase, heart missing a beat)				
t) I felt scared without any good reason				
u) I felt that life was meaningless				
SECTION 5: Reflection				
29. I found the following sources of support helpful If you wish to discuss further please contact		potigator Dr Alica II-	tmon alves havetures	Orah ara a

Thank you for your help with this research project.

Please return this questionnaire to the APSU via email to SCHN-APSU@health.nsw.gov.au or fax to 02 9845 3082 or mail to Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit, Kids Research, Locked Bag 4001, Westmead NSW 2145 - even if you don't complete all items.

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