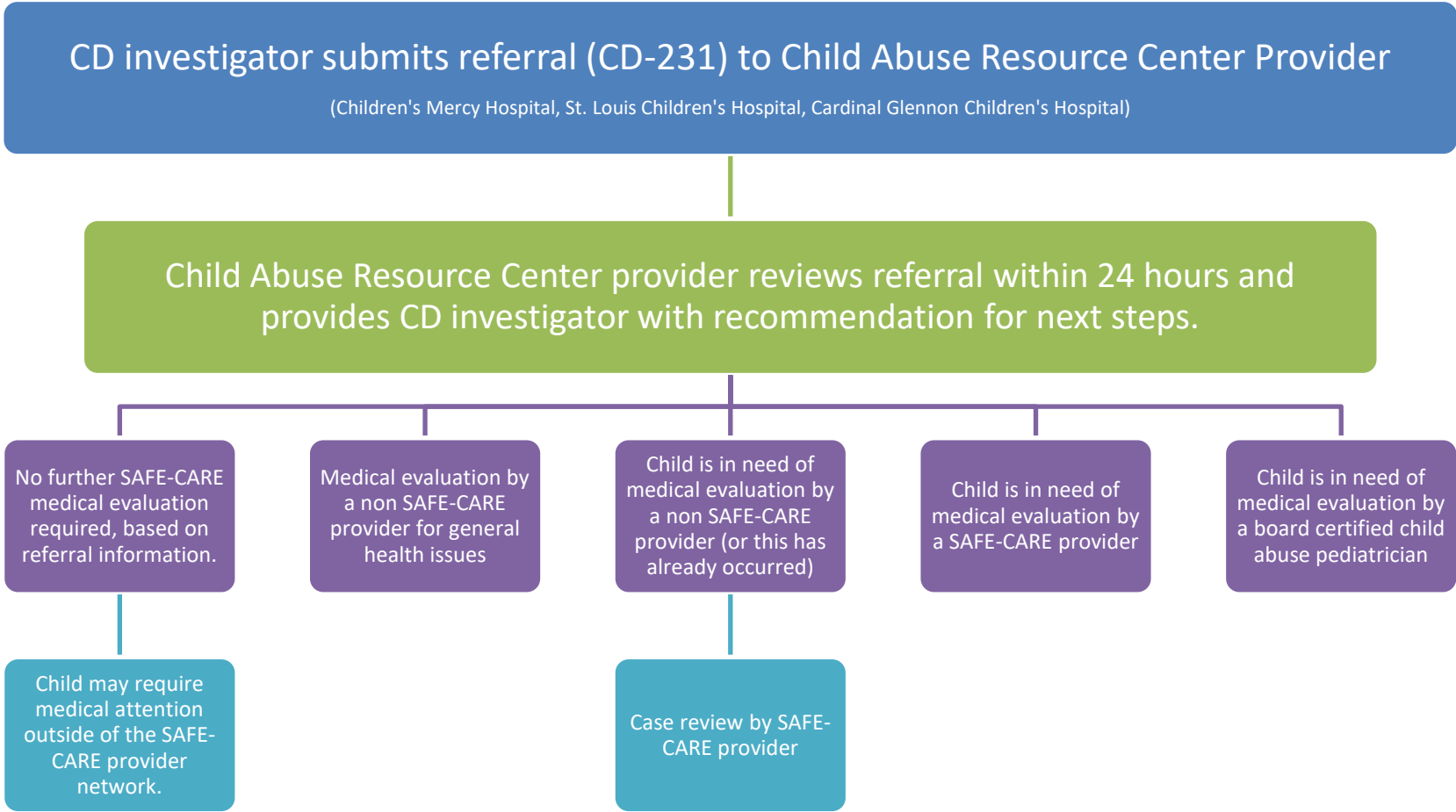
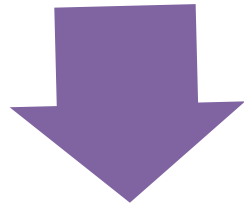


SAFE-CARE Provider Referral Process for Victim Children under the age of Four (all investigations)



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Medical Evaluation



Timeframe:

- Urgent (within 24 hours)
- Non-urgent (In 2-3 weeks)



May Include:

- Screening for occult injury
 - skeletal survey
 - photographs
 - Head CT/MRI
 - liver function tests
 - abdominal CT
- Testing for medical conditions
- Medical/Forensic evaluation of siblings
 - forensic interview
 - medical evaluation
 - skeletal survey

SAFE-CARE Child Abuse Resource Centers

- **Children's Mercy Hospital**
Kansas City
800-466-3729
- **SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center**
St. Louis
314-577-5347
- **St. Louis Children's Hospital**
St. Louis
314-454-2879

SAFE-CARE Provider List:

Can be found in the Child Welfare Manual at:
[Section 2, Chapter 5.3.4, SAFE-CARE Program](#)

Not all SAFE-CARE providers are board certified child abuse pediatricians. They are denoted by the credential 'CAP' on the listing in the CWM.

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Medical Evaluation & SAFE-CARE Provider Information



SAFE-CARE Standard of Medical-Forensic Care

SAFE-CARE providers may be asked to provide medical-forensic evaluations and/or case reviews of many different types of cases. SAFE-CARE training is designed to provide essential skills to equip medical providers to evaluate the majority of cases of alleged child maltreatment. However, SAFE-CARE training cannot reasonably prepare providers to evaluate highly complex cases, which require input from a Board Certified Child Abuse Pediatrician. This standard of care clarifies the types of cases for which SAFE-CARE training provides appropriate preparation to medical providers. Case types are classified as level 1 or 2, with level 1 being appropriate for a SAFE-CARE provider. Level 2 cases require evaluation by a Board Certified Child Abuse Pediatrician and/or direct mentoring* by a SAFE-CARE Resource Center. These case lists represent the majority of cases seen by SAFE-CARE providers, but are not all-encompassing. Specific cases that are not represented, below, should be directed to one of the SAFE-CARE Resource Centers. Ongoing mentoring and update training are necessary for SAFE-CARE providers to meet minimum training requirements. The SAFE-CARE Resource Centers and Missouri KidsFirst do not endorse medical-forensic evaluations performed by a SAFE-CARE provider who is not actively participating in mentoring and ongoing update training, nor do they endorse providers who do not abide by the following standard of care:

Level 1 – These case types are appropriate for evaluation by a SAFE-CARE provider:

Physical Abuse/Neglect

Bruising

Single fractures

Minor burns (not requiring admission to the hospital)

Medical/physical/supervisional neglect

Sexual Abuse

Non-acute sexual abuse of a child

Acute sexual abuse of a child

Level 2 – These types of cases require an in-person evaluation or complete case review by a Board Certified Child Abuse Pediatrician, and/or direct mentoring* by a SAFE-CARE Resource Center:

Physical Abuse/Neglect

Child death

Children requiring hospitalization due to the injuries

Burns requiring hospitalization

Multiple fractures

Intracranial hemorrhage

Intra-abdominal trauma

Multiple types of injuries in one child (e.g. Bruises and fractures, burns and bruises, etc.)

Child abuse in the medical setting (a.k.a. caregiver fabricated illness, Munchausen syndrome by proxy, medical child abuse)

Sexual Abuse

Sexually transmitted infections in children who were previously not consensually sexually active

Positive findings of penetrative trauma on genital exam

