

About Your Child's CART Evaluation

You may have questions about your child's CART assessment. We hope we can answer your questions below.

What does CART mean?

CART stands for Child Abuse Response Team.

What is a CART evaluation?

A CART evaluation is a special medical assessment. Your child will see medical professionals that know how to evaluate injuries in children.

Why does my child need a CART evaluation?

New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department (CFYD), law enforcement, or a medical professional asked for your child to get this evaluation. They are worried that your child may have been mistreated.

Why do we have to come to UNMH for this evaluation?

UNMH is the only hospital in New Mexico that has trained medical professionals dedicated to evaluating and caring for children who may be victims of mistreatment.

What happens during the CART evaluation?

Your child will have a physical exam. We will write down if your child has any injuries on their body. We may take photographs of these injuries. The CART medical professional may want your child to get blood work tests, x-rays, or head imaging to know more about their health.

How long will the CART evaluation take?

Most evaluations take 1 to 3 hours. The time depends on the tests the CART medical professional wants your child to get.

What happens after the CART evaluation?

Your CYFD investigator and law enforcement will get the report from the CART evaluation. The CART report will share medical information and may be used in their investigation. The CART evaluation does not make a final decision about the investigation.

How do I get a copy of the CART evaluation report?

You can ask for a copy of the report from your CYFD assigned investigator. Your child's legal guardian can ask for a copy from the UNMH Medical Records Office.



Questions? Call Us!

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