



Pelvic exam consent form: Q&A

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What's the purpose of the pelvic/genital exam?

The exam allows the provider to check for possible diseases, injuries, or abnormalities. Please be aware we **do not** perform any internal pelvic exams.

What happens if I choose not to sign the consent form?

If you choose not to sign, your child will receive a modified examination which could limit the provider from being able to obtain a diagnosis or delay the diagnosis of a serious medical condition.

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