## CARE OF THE ADULT SEXUAL ASSAULT PATIENT: AGES 18 & OLDER

This chart is a **GUIDE** in which the immediate medical needs of the patient will be met and treated appropriately.

## **Criteria for Medical Forensic Examination:**

- Female Sex Organ (FSO) contact/penetration within the last 120 hours
- Oral (patient's mouth) contact/penetration within the last 24 hours
- Anal contact/penetration within the last 72 hours
- Penetration can be with a tongue, finger, penis and/or object
- Age 18 or over and wants to report as JANE DOE. (Indiana law requires 18 and older).

## Does patient want evidence collection and exam?

(All patients have the right to refuse exam no matter their age)

YES IF CRITERIA MET OR NO 1. Do not undress patient, unless medically unstable 1. Complete a medical screening. (assess pain, bleeding, LOC, ABC's, history of 2. Discuss exposure to sexually transmitted strangulation). infections (STIs) pregnancy, HIV, HEP B. 2. Complete a medical screening: strangulation, **3.** Provide STI testing, prophylactic treatment for pregnancy, vitals (no oral temperature), etc. HIV, STIs, HEP B as indicated. 3. Please call FWSATC (260-423-2222) so the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner can speak with patient. FWSATC will notify Law Enforcement. 1. Arrange for follow up STI testing in 3-4 weeks. 2. Patient to return to you (PHCP) or go to the 1. When medically cleared, call report to FWSATC, Emergency Department if they develop severe and prepare patient for discharge to the FWSATC. pain, ongoing nausea/vomiting or any other 2. Instruct patient to go directly to the FWSATC. Do unusual medical complaints. not stop anywhere. 3. Provide referrals for counseling and community 3. Have patient refrain from food/drink, smoking, resources as needed. using the bathroom, washing hands in order to **4.** Discuss and create a safety plan. protect evidence. **4.** Do not give medications if at all possible to protect evidence. **KEY** 1. If patient is medically unstable and being sent to FSO: Female Sex Organ (anything past the labia majora is hospital, the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner can go penetration) to the hospital to perform the examination. For out FWSATC: Fort Wayne Sexual Assault of counties, patient must be flown or brought via **Treatment Center** ambulance to hospital within Allen County.

**2.** Do not perform a FSO exam unless patient has severe FSO bleeding.

LOC: Loss of Consciousness

**STI's:** Sexually Transmitted Infections **PHCP**: Primary Health Care Provider **DCS:** Department of Child Services