

CARE OF THE PEDIATRIC SEXUAL ASSAULT PATIENT: AGES 17 AND YOUNGER

This chart is a **GUIDE** in which the emergent medical needs of the pediatric patient should be met first. For any report/suspicion of child sexual assault, DCS must be contacted prior to release of child.

DCS HOTLINE # 1-800-800-5556

Prior to calling DCS, establish the following:

- What occurred? When did it occur? Where did it occur? Who did it? What history is the child providing (if verbal)?

Was there a disclosure by child or witnessed event?

If child is nonverbal, follow DCS recommendations.

YES OR NO

TIMEFRAME FOR EVIDENCE COLLECTION:

- 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

NON-URGENT (Grey Area)

1. No disclosure and presents with generalized genital redness, discharge, or behavioral change.
2. Parent suspects sex abuse but there is no history from child.

In Timeframe or Outside of Timeframe

EMERGENCY (Acute) ACTIVATION OF CHILD ABUSE TEAM IF

- Within timeframe
- Visible genital injury

URGENT (Non-acute)

- Patients that test positive for STIs.
- If no medical symptoms a forensic interview and/or exam will be scheduled at a later time for incidences that occurred outside time frames for collection of evidence.

1. Call DCS and an investigation will be initiated.
2. DCS or Law Enforcement will notify the Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children for a forensic interview.

1. Do not release child until safety is established.
2. Call DCS/LE to report it. This is required by law.
3. Treat if medically necessary.
4. DCS/LE will notify FWSATC after collecting necessary information.
5. Call report to FWSATC prior to discharge.

1. Call DCS/LE to report it. This is required by law.
2. Examine – Never use a speculum on a child that has not had at least one menstrual cycle. Test for STIs/HIV if applicable.
3. DCS and/or LE will notify the Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children and a forensic interview will be scheduled for a later time. The FWSATC will examine the pt if there is a disclosure of sexual abuse.

KEY

FSO: Female Sex Organ (**anything past the labia majora is penetration**)

FWSATC: Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center

LOC: Loss of Consciousness

STI's: Sexually Transmitted Infections

PHCP: Primary Health Care Provider

DCS: Department of Child Services

Prepare pt. for immediate discharge to the FWSATC: 1420 Kerrway Court Ft. Wayne, IN for a medical/forensic exam. **Instruct pt/family to come directly to FWSATC. To protect evidence: Have patient refrain from food/drink, smoking, using bathroom, washing hands. Do not take an oral temperature, or give medications if at all possible.**

Contact the Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center at 260-423-2222 for any questions on how to proceed or if assistance is needed