

MEDICAL-FORENSIC MANAGEMENT OF ADULT SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT PATIENTS  
MEDICAL/HOSPITAL REFERRAL FOR PATIENT SEEKING EXAMINATION

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SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT PATIENT **18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER** REPORTS TO HOSPITAL SEEKING CARE.  
**AVALON PAGED FOR REFERRAL OF PATIENT FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION**

YES

Patient presents within 120-hours post assault?

NO

Provide appropriate Community Referrals for patient.

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YES

Law enforcement notification/report filed if patient requests?  
**Access need for Adult Protective Services notification?**

NO

If the patient has not reported the assault to law enforcement, medical personnel should offer to contact the appropriate law enforcement jurisdiction per their agency policies and protocols. Medical personnel should assess the need to file with Adult Protective Services for ALL at-risk and/or vulnerable adult patients (**MANDATORY REPORTING**).

YES

(1) Patient is medically stable?  
(2) Patient is mentally/psychiatrically stable?

NO

(1) Patient NOT medically stable?  
AND/OR  
(2) Patient NOT mentally/psychiatrically stable?

YES

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**FORENSIC EXAMINER & PHYSICIAN CHECKLIST:**

- (1) Patient wishes to have sexual assault/medical-forensic exam completed?
- (2) Assault occurred within the last 120-hours?
- (3) Patient is 18 years of age or older, and medically/mentally stable?
- (4) Patient is own legal guardian, and is able to/willing to consent to exam?
- (5) If HIV PEP offered, baseline testing/labs ordered/completed?
- (6) Nothing currently impairs the patient's ability to consent to exam?
- (7) If requested, an incident report has been completed with law enforcement?
- (8) If HIV PEP initial dose given, starter pack and prescription provided?

**MEDICALLY STABLE and PSYCHIATRICALY CLEARED**

After determination that the patient meets AVALON MFE Program criteria, and patient understands the reason for the direct referral to our program for compassionate, comprehensive and specialized care the patient is ready to be seen by the AVALON Program. Transportation can be arranged if not available. Patient should be discharged from Emergency Department (or physician's office) prior to transfer to the AVALON Site of their choice. AVALON Staff will meet with patient at site.

**TEMPORARILY NOT MEDICALLY STABLE**

Emergency Physician and Forensic Examiner have determined that patient is currently NOT suitable for transfer to an AVALON site d/t additional medical studies/interventions, or d/t patient mental status (ETOH/drug intoxication), however, it is determined that patient will be medically cleared within the next few hours.

Forensic Examiner advises Emergency Physician to page AVALON program back when patient is within one hour of anticipated discharge.

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WITHIN ONE  
HOUR OF  
ANTICIPATED  
PATIENT DISCHARGE

**NOT MEDICALLY/MENTALLY STABLE**

Emergency Physician and Forensic Examiner determine that patient is NOT suitable for transfer to an AVALON site d/t inpatient admission and/or psychiatric hold pending placement.

Forensic Examiner and Advocacy Staff will respond to hospital with necessary equipment (SAK Jump Kit) to provide crisis advocacy and a medical-forensic examination.

EXAMINER  
SCHEDULES TIME  
TO COMPLETE  
INPATIENT EXAM  
AT HOSPITAL

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ADULT SEXUAL ASSAULT MEDICATION EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE

ACUTE UNDER 120 HOURS

ADULT FEMALE/MALE (<72 HOURS)

External Inspection of Ano-Genital Area  
Based on history, physical findings and risk factors.

Additional Evaluation **ONLY** as Indicated  
Evidence or complaint of ano-genital injury, and  
abnormal pain or bleeding. (NOTIFY EXAMINER!)

NO Speculum/Anoscope Exam

NO Deep Internal Swabbing

Pregnancy Testing

Baseline HIV Testing/Labs for HIV PEP

**HIV Postexposure Prophylaxis (PEP)**

- Provide initial 3 days of medication.
  - Provide remaining prescription (28-days).
- PROVIDED by AVALON Program**, at no cost to the Patient at the time of exam.\*

**Empiric Antimicrobial Regimen**

Empiric STI Prophylaxis Treatment for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and trichomonas  
**PROVIDED by AVALON Program**, at no cost to the Patient at the time of exam.\*

**Emergency Contraception**

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ADULT FEMALE/MALE (<120 HOURS)

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Pregnancy Testing

Baseline HIV Testing

**HIV Postexposure Prophylaxis (PEP)**

- Outside of window to obtain HIV PEP.
- Patient to obtain HIV antibody repeat test at 4-6 weeks, 3 to 4 months, and 6 months.

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OVER 120 HOURS

ADULT FEMALE/MALE (>120 HOURS)

Examination of Ano-Genital Area  
Based on history, physical findings and risk factors.

Additional Evaluation as Indicated  
Evidence or complaint of ano-genital injury, and  
abnormal pain or bleeding.

Speculum Exam/Anoscope as Indicated  
Based on history, physical findings and risk factors.

**STD Testing\***

- NAATs for *C. trachomatis* and *N. gonorrhoeae* at the sites of penetration or attempted penetration.
- NAATs from a urine or vaginal specimen for *T. vaginalis*.
- Serum evaluation of HIV, hepatitis B, and syphilis infections.

\* Decisions to perform these tests should be made on an individual basis.

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**Empiric Antimicrobial Regimen**

Provide Empiric STI Prophylaxis Treatment for chlamydia, gonorrhea and trichomonas:

- Ceftriaxone 500 mg IM in a single dose.
  - Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID for 7 days.
  - Metronidazole 500 mg PO BID for 7 days.
- Metronidazole 2 g PO in a single dose for male patients.*

**DO NOT PROVIDE METRONIDAZOLE  
TO ANY PATIENT THAT CONSUMED ETOH  
PRIOR TO PRESENTATION!**

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\*Medications cannot be provided by AVALON Program for any inpatient Medical-Forensic Examination.

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