

Procedure

1. Be calm and assuring with sensitivity toward the patient.
2. DO NOT make unnecessary physical contact with the patient.
3. If possible, have a witness the same gender as the victim present at all times.
4. Wrap a plastic sheet around the victim if possible.
5. DO NOT inspect genitals unless evidence of uncontrolled hemorrhage or trauma is present.
6. DO NOT allow patient to shower or douche.
7. Collect patient's clothing when possible:
 - a. Place clothing separate plastic/paper bags with ID labels and found location.
 - b. Leave all sheets placed in plastic/paper bag with patient at facility.
 - c. Notify all staff of clothing samples.
8. Transport patient to appropriate facility for treatment and examination.
9. Contact dispatch to notify Police of possible Sexual Assault

Refer to clinical protocol most appropriate for patients injuries as needed.