Sexual Assault Examination Process at Winneshiek Medical Center

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Objectives
- Staff Involved - SART
- Sexual Assault Examination Process at WMC
- Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits
- Documentation
- Follow up Care and Recommendations

Staff Involved
- Emergency Room Staff (Registration Representative, ER RN, Provider)
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
- Riverview Center Advocate
- Law Enforcement (Police & Sheriff's Office)
- Other Sexual Assault Response Team Members (Crime Victim/Witness Coordinator, County Attorney, Title IX Coordinator, Luther Security)
Sexual Assault Examination Process

• When to Contact the SANE Nurse

Sexual Assault Examination Process

• Registration- exam is billed to The Crime Victim Compensation Program
• Triage completed by ER RN
• Sexual assault exam completed by SANE RN
• ER Provider addresses any needs
• Follow-up arranged

Sexual Assault Examination Process - SANE’s Role

• Provide care and support in a safe environment
• Examine and treat patient, including documentation
• Perform forensic evidence collection
  • DNA evidence collection
  • Written descriptions
  • Body drawings
  • Photographs of injuries
• Provide STI prophylaxis and emergency contraceptive
• Provide referrals for follow-up care and treatments
• Serve as an “Expert Witness” if called to trial
Example of Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit

Each Kit includes:
- Instructions
- Victim information lab form
- Bags with label affixed
- Fingernail scraper
- Paper bindle
- Swab boxes with labels
- Sexual assault victim/survivor form
- STI & sexual assault information pamphlet
- Iowa Attorney General’s Card
- Sterile, cotton-tipped swabs
- Police evidence seals
- Biohazard label
- Lancet
- FTA card
- Labeled envelopes

Examples of DNA Evidence to Collect

- Saliva
- Semen
- Vaginal fluids
- Bodily fluids
- Blood
- Fingernail scrapings/clippings
- Hair

Examples of Photographic Evidence to Collect

- Bruising
- Abrasions
- Scratches
- Cuts/Lacerations
Example of Sexual Assault Exam Documentation

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Example of Sexual Assault Exam Discharge Forms
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Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Accuracy

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Follow-up Care and Recommendations

* Follow-up appointment with primary care provider within 2-5 days, if possible
* Follow-up STI testing and pap around 6 weeks
* Continual follow-up with Riverview Center Advocate
* Counseling if needed
Summary

• If presenting to ER within 5 days of assault, SANE RN completes exam and evidence collection per survivor's request
• Documentation, photographs, and physical evidence is collected
• Survivor is not billed, confidential service
• Many other staff involved from SART
• Follow-up care strongly recommended

Questions & Discussion

Thank you!