

CARE OF THE PEDIATRIC SEXUAL ASSAULT PATIENT: AGES 15 AND YOUNGER

This chart is a **GUIDE** in which the emergent medical needs of the pediatric patient should be met first with simultaneous notification of the Department of Child Services (DCS) and/or Law Enforcement and/or the Ft. Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center (FWSATC).

Establish the following criteria:

What occurred? Female sex organ (FSO) penetration or touching of male genitalia – any touch, however slight on any structure of the female genitalia or male genitalia

Anal penetration – any touch of the anus or anal folds

Oral penetration – genitals touching child’s lips or in the mouth OR child’s genitals touched by a mouth

WHEN did it occur? WHERE did it occur? WHAT HISTORY is the child providing (if verbal)?

Immediately notify the DCS by calling the DCS HOTLINE # 1-800-800-5556. THIS IS REQUIRED BY LAW and notify Law Enforcement (LE) in the jurisdiction where the crime occurred.

CONTACT THE FORT WAYNE SEXUAL ASSAULT TREATMENT CENTER AT 260-423-2222 IF QUESTIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED OR IF ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

EMERGENCY (Acute) ACTIVATION OF CHILD ABUSE TEAM IF

1. Female Sex Organ (FSO) penetration within last 120 hours.
2. Oral contact within last 24 hours.
3. Anal contact within last 72 hours
4. **Visible genital injury**

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.

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 for protection of evidence. No urinating, eating, drinking, washing hands etc....**

URGENT (Non-acute)

1. Female Sex Organ (FSO) penetration greater than 120 hours.
2. Oral contact greater than 24 hours.
3. Anal contact greater than 72 hours.
4. Patients that test positive for STIs.
5. 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/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 Law Enforcement 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.

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.

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

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 Physician

DCS: Department of Child Services