

Checklist for Medical Forensic Exam

	Contact Advocacy Organization
	Place patient in private exam room
	Consent for medical exam
	Consent for forensic exam
	General demographic information
	Medical history
	Current medications
	Menstrual status if applicable
	Last consensual sex in the 120 hours prior or post assault
	Document general appearance and demeanor
	Obtain account of the sexual assault (use patient's words, document in quotes)
	Relationship of assailant
	Number of assailants
	Race and gender of assailant(s)
	Location of the assault
	Physical surroundings of the assault
	Verbal or physical threats
	Injuries resulting in the patient and/or assailant bleeding
	Strangulation and/or suffocation – patient may refer to it as “choking”
	Patient activity since the assault: Bathed? Brushed teeth? Urinated, defecated, and/or vomited? Removed or inserted tampon? Changed clothes? Washed bedding – if applicable
	Conduct physical exam – account of assault guides exam and evidence collection, photograph injuries
	Examine head, scalp, hair, face and neck – collect swabs if indicated
	Examine the oral cavity– collect swabs if indicated
	Examine the entire body– collect swabs if indicated
	Did patient scratch assailant? – collect fingernail swabs
	Collect patient's DNA sample
	Genital Exam – Female: vaginal assault within the last 120 hours collect - If pubic hair shaved – collect swabs from mons pubis, external genital swabs, vaginal swabs and cervical os swabs
	Genital Exam – Male: collect swabs from penis and scrotum separately
	Pubic hair combing – collect if patient has not bathed since assault
	Examine anus if anal assault occurred, anal assault within 48 hours - collect perianal swabs
	Examine rectum with anoscope if indicated, assault within 48 hours - collect rectal swabs
	Collect clothing if indicated – package in separate paper bags
	Collect urine for toxicology up to 120 hours
	Collect blood for toxicology up to 48 hours
	Negative pregnancy test – administer emergency contraception
	Administer prophylaxis for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, trichomonas and Bacterial Vaginosis
	Determine need for HIV prophylaxis - begin 28 day course if indicated for sexual assault occurring less than 72 hours prior to exam
	Maintain Chain of Custody
	Call law enforcement if patient would like to make police report at the time of the exam
	Discharge instructions and follow-up schedule
	Provide information for community resources