ALGORITHM A - PATIENTSEEKS CARE

Sexual assault patient presents for exam

Escort patient to private room as soon as possible and perform medical screening examination

Activate SART; contact SA advocate or appropriate contact

Introduce team; explain medical and forensic options to patient:

1) Medical treatment and evidence collection and notification of law enforcement
2) Medical treatment and evidence collection without notification of law enforcement
3) Medical treatment only (no evidence collection)

Patient requests medical treatment and evidence collection and notification of law enforcement

GO TO ALGORITHM B

Patient requests medical treatment and evidence collection without notification of law enforcement

GO TO ALGORITHM C

Patient requests medical treatment only

GO TO ALGORITHM D

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ALGORITHM B - MEDICAL TREATMENT & EVIDENCE COLLECTION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT NOTIFICATION

Contact law enforcement in the jurisdiction in which the event occurred

Patient presents within 120 hours of the sexual assault

Yes

Obtain consent

Provide medical exam

Collect evidence using the SAE Kit; maintain chain of custody; release evidence to LE

Document and photograph injuries

Offer pregnancy prophylaxis; obtain pregnancy test prior to giving EC

Offer prophylaxis for STIs and HIV according to CDC guidelines

Provide summary of exam and treatments and make follow-up recommendations, including rape crisis counseling

No

Obtain consent

Provide medical exam

Document and photograph injuries

Offer prophylaxis for STIs and HIV according to CDC guidelines

Offer pregnancy test

Provide summary of exam and treatments and make follow-up recommendations, including rape crisis counseling
Algorithm C - Medical Treatment and Evidence Collection

Without Law Enforcement Notification

Patient presents within 120 hours of the sexual assault

Yes

Obtain consent

Provide medical exam

Collect evidence using the SAE Kit; maintain chain of custody; release evidence to law enforcement

Document and photograph injuries

Offer pregnancy prophylaxis; obtain pregnancy test prior to giving EC

Offer prophylaxis for STIs and HIV according to CDC guidelines

Provide summary of exam and treatments and make follow-up recommendations, including rape crisis counseling

Provide information on how to contact law enforcement if patient decides later to report

No

Obtain consent

Document and photograph injuries

Offer pregnancy test

Offer prophylaxis for STIs and HIV according to CDC guidelines

Provide summary of exam and treatments and make follow-up recommendations, including rape crisis counseling

Provide information on how to contact law enforcement if patient decides later to report

Guideline 1

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ALGORITHM D - MEDICAL TREATMENT ONLY

Patient requests medical treatment only

Obtain consent

Guideline 1

Conduct medical exam

Guideline 2

Offer pregnancy prophylaxis if <120 hours post assault; obtain pregnancy test prior to giving EC

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Offer prophylaxis for STIs and HIV according to CDC guidelines

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Provide summary of exam and treatments and make follow-up recommendations, including rape crisis counseling

Guideline 12

Provide information on how to contact law enforcement if patient decides later to report

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