

IT'S MORE THAN JUST A "RAPE KIT"



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WHAT HAPPENS AT THE HOSPITAL?

- SAFE/SANE
- Advocate
- Medical/Surgical History
- History of the assault
- Head-to-toe exam
- Document injuries
- Treatment for injuries
- STI prophylaxis
- Pregnancy prophylaxis
- Evidence collection....the kit
- Forensic photography
- Follow-up care planning
- Reassurance/emotional security
- Safety planning
- Report to LEO
- Expert testimony
- Confidentiality



MAINE STATE SEX CRIMES KIT

A victim of sexual assault has **FOUR** options

1. No evidence collection, No report.
2. No evidence collection, Yes report.
3. Evidence collection*, No report.**
4. Evidence collection*, Yes report.***

*as much or as little as they want

**anonymous kit sent to local LE

***kit sent to LE covering location of SA



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Payment/Billing for Sexual Assault Patients

- The Victim's Compensation Fund provides direct reimbursement to hospitals, up to \$750, for the sexual assault forensic examination (with evidence collection kit)
- The hospital may not bill for the SA or any balance over \$750
- The bill will be paid regardless of reporting status.
- If no kit done, the patient may be billed. We discuss this with the patient and navigate each patient's unique scenario accordingly (ex: student doesn't want parents to know but on parents insurance)



QUESTIONS?!



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