IT’S MORE THAN JUST A
“RAPE KIT”
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
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?!