

PEDIATRIC SEXUAL ASSAULT

ALWAYS USE BODY SUBSTANCE ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS

INDICATION

- Patients under 14 years of age with complaints consistent with sexual assault

CRITICAL INFORMATION

- Preserve possible evidence and advise patient not to clean, bathe or change clothes until after examination by hospital personnel
- Notify police and dispatch of nature of call
- Treat according to length based color-coded resuscitation tape. Apply corresponding wrist band.

TREATMENT

- BLS/ ALS RMC
- Calm/ reassure patient
- Assign responder of same sex as patient if possible
- Treat medical conditions/ traumatic injuries per protocol
- If no medical conditions/ traumatic injuries are apparent and assault occurred within 72 hours of report:
 - Law Enforcement will take the victim to Children's Hospital Oakland (CHO) for a medical evidentiary examination and should call the Emergency Department at CHO (510) 428-3240 and ask for the ED Social Worker on call
- If no medical conditions / traumatic injuries and the assault occurred > 72 hours of the report
 - Law Enforcement will make a decision of whether or not to proceed with the forensic medical examination
- If patient/ Designated Decision Maker (DDM) refuses transport, instruct patient/DDM not to shower and advise of alternative care/ transport options per AMA or RAS Policy

DOCUMENTATION- ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

- Date and time of alleged assault
- Details of injuries noted
- Law Enforcement actions and determination of destination
- Patient's destination

RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

- AMA Policy GPC 2
- RAS Policy GPC 3
- Destination Guidelines GPC 4