Algorithm for Hospital Presentation of Adolescent/Adult Sexual Assault Victims

Hospital Staff Notifies

The Victim Advocate
Advocate Reports Victim’s Decision to the Hospital ER Staff

Victim Elects to Report to the Police

Emergency Department Staff Notifies Law Enforcement in Jurisdiction Where Assault Occurred

Appropriate Jurisdictions Detective/Sex Crime Investigator Interviews Victim

Law Enforcement Notifies the Appropriate Coroner’s Office

Coroner or His Designee Performs Forensic Exam (La R.S. 33:1563)

Victim Elects to Blind Report

Hospital ER Staff Notifies SAFE Nurse for Collection of PERK (Physical Evidence Recovery Kit)

SAFE Notifies Appropriate Law Enforcement Jurisdiction to Take Custody of the PERK

If Law Enforcement Determines No Further Investigation Necessary and Victim Request a Medical Exam

ER M.D. Initiates Exam (See STI and contraception recommendations)

Victim Elects Not to Report

Victim Request Medical Exam

ER M.D. Initiates Exam (See STI and contraception recommendations)

Case Closed