ALGORITHM A: Patient Seeks Care

Always comply with mandated reporting requirements. See Provider Responsibilities and Appendix 6 for Virginia laws on mandatory reporting.

Sexual assault patient presents seeking care

Provide private area as soon as possible and perform medical screening examination

See Patient Care Priorities and Medical Services

Contact sexual assault crisis center to coordinate response

See Patient Care Priorities

Contact Forensic Nurse Examiner or other designated healthcare provider

See Provider Responsibilities

Explain medical-forensic options to patient:

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

See Provider Responsibilities

Patient requests evidence collection and notification of law enforcement

GO TO ALGORITHM B

Patient requests evidence collection without notification of law enforcement

GO TO ALGORITHM C

Patient requests medical treatment only

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