Concern for sexual abuse or assault

If in Children’s Physician (CP) clinic, contact CP Social Worker (SW)
SW will contact Law Enforcement (LE) & Child Protective Services (CPS) if indicated
If after SW has left clinic, call their cell phone, if they can’t be reached call the CP SW on-call

Stabilize patient medically & contact Project Harmony at 402-595-1326 for assistance

When was child last in contact with perpetrator & what is the child’s age?

If contact with perpetrator was < 72 hours ago & child is prepubertal:
• Inform LE that a rape kit may be needed at Project Harmony or a children’s advocacy center

Provider will perform BRIEF exam to ensure there are no acute issues
• If acute issues are present, send patient to Emergency Department

To Project Harmony or a children’s advocacy center as directed by LE

If contact with perpetrator was < 96/120 hours ago & child is pubertal:
• Inform LE that a rape kit may be warranted at Methodist Hospital

Provider will perform BRIEF exam to ensure there are no acute issues
• If acute issues are present, send patient to Emergency Department

To Methodist Hospital as directed by LE

If contact with perpetrator was > 72 hours ago in prepubertal child:
OR
If contact with perpetrator was > 96/120 hours ago
• No exam is necessary unless child has bleeding &/or pain

SW will obtain a release from family for Project Harmony or children’s advocacy center

Discharge patient

Disclaimer: Pathways are intended as a guide for practitioners and do not indicate an exclusive course of treatment nor serve as a standard of medical care. These pathways should be adapted by medical providers, when indicated, based on their professional judgement and taking into account individual patient and family circumstances.

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