CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PATHWAY
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Any concern for sexual abuse or assault
• Unexplained anogenital bleeding, discharge, or injury
• Concern from caregiver
• Disclosure from child

Stabilize patient medically

Contact Social Work (SW)
Contact Law Enforcement (LE) & Child Protective Services (CPS) if indicated

What is patient’s gender and sexual development?

MALE/PREMENARICAL FEMALE

MENARICAL FEMALE

When was the patient last in contact with perpetrator?

< 72 hours

• Inform LE that a rape kit may be needed at Project Harmony
• Inform Project Harmony for follow-up and advocacy
• ED Provider will perform a medical screening exam and ensure there are no acute issues

Transfer to Project Harmony as directed by LE

> 72 hours

No genital exam is necessary unless patient has bleeding, discharge and/or pain
*For Menarchal female, obtain pregnancy testing; For Menarchal females and males, obtain urine STI and consider serum testing after discussion with patient and/or caregiver*
*Project Harmony is available for questions but contact is not necessary*

When was the patient last in contact with perpetrator?

> 120 hours

• Inform LE that a rape kit may be warranted at Methodist Hospital or Project Harmony
• Inform Project Harmony for follow-up and advocacy

ED Provider will perform a medical screening exam and ensure there are no acute issues

< 120 hours

SW will obtain a release from family for Project Harmony

Discharge patient per LE

Transfer patient to Methodist Hospital or Project Harmony as directed by LE

*For any assistance or questions, Project Harmony (PH) is available at 402-595-1326

ED Provider will perform a medical screening exam and ensure there are no acute issues

If at any time, medical staff is concerned that law enforcement does not understand the need for forensic exam, Project Harmony is available for assistance
• Project Harmony phone number is 402-595-1326

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Essential Responsibilities of 1st provider:

- CPS, LE, and SW referrals
  - CPS referral information is detailed in Abuse, Information to be Reported to Child Protective Services Procedure, PC02 policy
- In ED, Utilize Assessing for and Reporting of Child Abuse/Neglect Sexual Assault, ED-C20
- In UC, Utilize the Child Abuse/Neglect, URG049 policy
- In CP, utilize the Abuse, Assessment and Documentation, PC 01 policy
- Social work to follow the Child Abuse/Neglect, 617-007 policy
- Explain the process to the patient and caregivers of upcoming steps

Human Trafficking Concerns
NE Human Tracking Taskforce Tip Line: 833-PLS-LOOK (833-757-5665)
- Nebraska specific tips for human tracking reporting and other questions
National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

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