

Sexual Assault Forensic Examination

The examination includes:

- gathering information for the medical forensic history;
- an examination;
- coordinating treatment of injuries, documentation of biological and physical findings, and collection of evidence from the patient;
- documentation of findings;
- information, treatment, and referrals for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and other medical concerns;
- and follow-up as needed to provide additional healing, treatment, or collection of evidence.

If you are able to, try to avoid activities that could potentially damage evidence such as:

Bathing

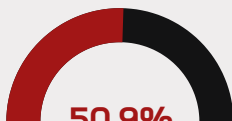
Showering

Using the
restroom

Changing clothes

Cleaning up the
area

Combing hair



50.9%
sought care for
primarily health-
focused reasons



37.2%
sought care because
they wanted to
pursue criminal
investigation and
prosecution



12.4%
sought care
because they
were unsure
whether they had
been sexually
assaulted

Rebecca Campbell; Wenjuan Ma; McKenzie Javorka; Katie Gregory; Lauren Vollinger; Matt Opsommer.
Why Do Sexual Assault Survivors Seek Medical Forensic Exams and Forensic Evidence Collection?
Exploring Patterns of Service Needs in a State-Wide Study. 2021.