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## Emergency Contraception/Post-Coital Contraception/Patient Education

### Policy:

The purpose of PCC (post-coital contraception) is to prevent pregnancy following sexual intercourse.

### Scope:

Emergency Department

### Responsibilities:

ED Physician and RN assist with prescription and medication administration as necessary.

### Control:

Emergency Room Manager, Director of Patient Care Services, Administrator, Board of Commissioners, Pharmacy

### Procedure:

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  1. Obtain a urine pregnancy test. Proceed only if test result is negative.
  2. Provide both verbal and written education regarding Post-Coital Contraception (PCC) to the patient.
  3. Informed consent is needed. Have the patient or legal guardian sign consent if PCC is requested.
  4. The Sexual Assault Examiner also signs the form after the patient's signature if applicable.
  5. Inform the patient that her menstrual period should begin within three weeks. She should see her primary care physician for a pregnancy test and exam if menstruation has not started within three weeks of emergency contraceptive dose.
  6. Give Plan B (Levonorgestrel) in the Emergency Department (ED).

**Note: Please also see 'Sexual Assault Victim: Triage' and 'Sexual Assault Victim: Adult/Adolescent Exam'**

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