



United General Hospital
Evaluation of Pregnant Patient

Emergency Department

FBC Prot-044

Policy

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PURPOSE:

To evaluate the patient for impending labor (labor check).

CONTENT:

1. Patients presenting to the hospital for evaluation of labor will have a fetal heart rate, evaluation of vital signs and review of prenatal history performed by the Registered Nurse.
2. The patient will be evaluated by the Emergency Department Physician.
3. The primary physician or midwife will be notified of the patient's assessment.
4. The patient will be sent to an appropriate facility for further OB/GYN evaluation.
5. Transportation will be based on the patient's assessment - POV, BLS, or ALS.



PURPOSE:

To provide compassionate and efficient treatment for victims of sexual assault by certified SANE practitioners. To perform a physical exam and the collection of evidentiary lab specimens for the protection of all persons involved in the event of legal action. To provide unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception; that is medically and factually accurate. To orally inform each victim of sexual assault of her option to be provided emergency contraception at the hospital; and if not medically contraindicated, to provide emergency contraception immediately at the hospital to each victim of sexual assault to who requests it.

EQUIPMENT:

1. Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit
2. Gloves
3. Vaginal speculum appropriate size for patient
4. Camera

CONTENT:

1. Triage all sexual assaults immediately before all other patients except those patients with life threatening illness or injury. Allow a friend, relative to be present with the patient if they so request (RCW 70.125.060)
2. Complete registration information in private and provide the Crime Victims Compensation form
3. With the patients permission notify law enforcement (the patient has the right to refuse the involvement of law enforcement).
4. In cases of minors or vulnerable adults report to authorities as required by law (RCW 20.44.030)
5. Notify Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (360.336.9591 or 1-800-726-6010) and request a patient advocate
6. If English is not the patients primary language call an interpreter (family members are *not* appropriate)
7. Notify a certified SANE nurse to conduct the sexual assault exam
8. The ED physician must do a medical screening exam to evaluate any physical/medical complaints
 - a. Assault within 72 hours requires: *medical screening exam and a sexual assault exam*
 - b. Assault within 72 hours presenting **with** urgent medical needs: *medical screening exam. Forensic exam not required but may be performed at doctor's discretion.*
 - c. Assault within 72 hours presenting **without** urgent medical needs: *medical screening exam and refer for follow up.*
9. The patient has the right to decline all or part of the exam and evidence collection. If this should happen document exam declination in the sexual assault paperwork as well as in the electronic medical record (EMR)
10. Print off the Sexual Assault packet from Forms Fast. Obtain consents on first page and review verbally the written information on emergency contraception. When the patient is ready for discharge provide a copy of the preprinted discharge instructions that are part of the

packet. Document discharge instructions and pertinent details of the sexual assault exam. Also document that the patient received verbal/written information related to emergency contraception.

Emergency Contraception:

It is the policy of United General Hospital to provide for the victim of sexual assault, accurate information pertaining to emergency contraception and if requested administration of the oral contraception PlanB (levonorgestrel), which reduces the risk of pregnancy by 89% when taken as directed within 72 hours of the sexual contact. Plan B will be kept in the Omnicell in the Emergency Department.