



# SEXUAL ASSAULT (RAPE)



## Escambia County, Florida – 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Medical Protocol

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First Responder's should not routinely be dispatched to a Sexual Assault/Rape Incident.

If First Responder personnel are at a Sexual Assault scene without law enforcement, an immediate request for law enforcement shall be made. Until such time as law enforcement arrives, First Responder personnel shall assure their own safety.

Every effort to cooperate with law enforcement should be made. If the disagreement involves, in the opinion of a First Responder, an issue that will or could result in patient harm, an immediate notification to the responding EMS crew should be made.

### Assessment

- A. See [General Supportive Care Protocol](#).
- B. Avoid making judgmental remarks to the victim or family.
- C. If possible, have a First Responder of same sex attend to the patient.
- D. Offer calm reassurance to the patient.

### Treatment

- A. See [General Supportive Care Protocol](#).
- B. Treat for shock; if applicable (See [Shock Protocol](#)).
- C. Bandage open wounds.
- D. Splint suspected fractures.
- E. Avoid disturbing the scene of assault.
- F. Do not allow the patient to shower or douche prior to transport.
- G. See that any articles of clothing the victim were wearing is given to law enforcement personnel or EMS.



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## REPORTING

- A. Information as indicated in [\*General supportive Care Protocol.\*](#)



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