

Checklist: Revised RCMP Sexual Assault Evidence Kit

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Aspect	Procedure	Done by
Primary survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triage considerations (see CTAS guidelines-usually level II or III, <30 min to MD): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immediate threats to airway, breathing, circulation or neurological function ○ Suicidal ideation or recent attempts, psychological distress or immediate safety concerns • See if they want a support person (family/friend/victim services) • Place in private area ASAP with support person if desired • Provide positive support and acknowledgement • Contact personnel to discuss options/conduct exam & treatment • Keep dressed until ready to examine unless life/limb threatening 	RN or MD/SANE
Triage tests if appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>If wish to eat/drink</u> – was there oral penetration in last 24 hours? If yes, obtain two swabs along dental/gum lines & behind molars (hold together then place in separate containers). Secure swabs until can add to evidence kit • <u>If need to urinate</u>- if there was potential vaginal penetration ask not to wipe or else place tissues in paper bag to include with evidence kit. Secure and save urine for testing if needed. • <u>drug facilitated SA (DFSA) potential?</u>- if signs of DFSA (e.g. sudden intoxication, amnesia, loss of consciousness, extended grogginess) take toxicology blood and urine ASAP and store securely at room temperature to send with evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 grey top tube 7 ml tubes blood ○ Urine in toxicology C&S with preservative or plain urine C& S container ○ Take other STI tests at same time if doing toxicology (blood=RPR, HIV, Hep B Ab/Ag, Hep C; urine=Chlamydia, Gonorrhea) and any other blood anticipated for care (e.g. CBC if bleeding) 	RN or MD/SANE
Consent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain health options available and allow time to choose which desired (if any). Minors can consent without parents in many provinces (check local guidelines) if able to understand/capacity including refusal to notify parents. Parents cannot counteract. Ensure informed consent for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head to toe physical examination for effects of sexual assault (SA) • Genital examination for effects of SA • Evidence collection (if have anonymous kit storage option) • Option to notify police* which may include evidence kit collection. Mandatory reporting only for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ sexual assault by family/authority, ○ outside close in age (12-13=>2 yrs; 14-15=>5 yrs) or ○ persons assaulted in public institutions (e.g. nursing home, prison, hospital). ○ Gunshot wounds must be reported in almost all provinces & stab wounds in some provinces • Obtaining blood and urine for baseline sexually transmitted infection (STI) levels, pregnancy (include HIV testing notification) • Provision of medications to prevent common STIs and pregnancy • Photography if applicable • Use consent forms and documentation in kit • Use labels in kit – place number label on chart and on kit as well as evidence as collected 	RN or MD/SANE