



Prepubertal Patient Information Sheet

This SOECK is designed for any registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant or physician to obtain sexual assault evidence.

- Under NO circumstances should a child be forced, restrained or sedated for the purpose of evidence collection.
- Clinicians only need reasonable concern that sexual abuse may have occurred.
- Remember that children frequently do not disclose the full extent of what has happened.

**DO NOT INTERVIEW THE PATIENT
AVOID UNNECESSARY TRANSFER OF PATIENT TO ANOTHER FACILITY
CONSIDER PHONE CONSULT WITH AVAILABLE SANE, CHILD ABUSE PEDIATRICIAN,
OR CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER**

<p>Evidence collection is recommended when children disclose or there is concern for:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any suspected and/or reported sexual assault/sexual abuse within past 120 hours. This includes, but is not limited to sexual touching/fondling (however slight), licking, biting, or penetration of the body cavities. • Anogenital injury, bleeding, or discharge consistent with reported history. • Possible ejaculate or saliva on child’s body • History of abduction or suspicious report of child missing • Suspicious/unusual circumstances based on clinical judgement.
<p>Evidence collection is <u>NOT</u> recommended:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual assault/sexual contact is suspected and/or reported to have occurred more than 120 hours before ED presentation • Solely based on behavioral changes such as bedwetting, masturbation, or sexualized behaviors, which may have another etiology.

A CHILD WITH AN INTERNAL INJURY AND/OR BLEEDING, OR A FOREIGN BODY MAY REQUIRE SEDATION FOR EXAM AND/OR EVIDENCE COLLECTION.

When Completing the Evidence Collection Kit:

1. If the child provides spontaneous case related information, document their remarks using quotations.
2. Obtain a brief history from the parent or caregiver accompanying the child. Ensure that this is completed outside the presence of the child.

Mandated Reporting

When it is suspected that sexual abuse/assault has occurred, whether or not forensic evidence is collected, a hotline report should be made:

- NYS Central Register 1-800-342-3720**

Considerations for Contacting Law Enforcement

Clinicians can assist parents/guardians who choose to report to law enforcement. Inform parents/guardians that early law enforcement involvement can be helpful:

- A timely crime scene investigation helps minimize evidence loss.