

Northern Middlesex County Medical Referral Process for Patients 11 Years and Younger

Patient Presentation for Sexual Abuse or Assault

Is patient 11 years or younger?

Yes

No

Is there a report or concern of sexual abuse/assault that occurred within a 72 hour (3 days) period?

Refer to Algorithm (Part 2) for children 12 - 17 years

Yes

Are any of the following present?

- A clear disclosure of sexual abuse or abuse that was witnessed by another?
- Oral, vaginal or rectal penetration (however slight)?
- Possibility of ejaculate or saliva on child's body?
- Anogenital pain, bleeding or injury not consistent with reported mechanism of injury

No

Patient is outside of 72 hour window or does not meet criteria for forensic evidence collection.

- **File a 51A report**
- With guardian consent facilitate police notification
- With guardian consent refer to Essex County CAC for medical follow-up

Yes

Patient meets criteria for medical care and forensic evidence collection using the MA **Pediatric Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (MA PEDI Kit)**.



Essex Children's Advocacy Center

Call (978) 683-4000 ext 2030 (M-Th, 9:00 - 4:30) to consult about Pedi SANE referral.

Is patient currently in Emergency Department (ED)?

Refer child for MA PEDI Kit

Mon - Fri
9AM - 4:30PM

YES

NO

File a 51A

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Evenings,
Nights,
Weekends and
if Pediatric SANE not available

Refer patient to local Emergency Department for completion of a MA PEDI Kit

ED to refer child to Essex CAC for medical follow-up

- ED Staff to complete MA PEDI Kit
- Contact Police for MA PEDI Kit transport
- **With patient/guardian consent:** Call the **Essex Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)** regarding patient medical **follow-up** (See right side of algorithm).



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