

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Operations Division
Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-G-09

SUBJECT: PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

POLICY: Inmates who report or seek health care attention as a result of sexual assault during incarceration shall receive prompt attention for treatment and evidence gathering.

REFERENCE: NCCHC Standards P-G-09
Prison Rape Elimination Act, Public Law 108/79

PROCEDURE:

- A. Upon receipt of information that an inmate has been recently sexually assaulted, Health Services personnel shall do a preliminary interview.
1. If the occurrence of the assault is reported as being less than 72 hours, an evidentiary examination at the local hospital may yield information depending on circumstances, including force, site, and cleansing, therefore, arrange transport and notify the local hospital of the need for an evidentiary examination and treatment. Upon return from the hospital, health services personnel are to review the results of the evaluation by the hospital and continue medical treatment as recommended.
 2. If the occurrence of the assault is reported as being over 72 hours, an evidentiary examination will be of little benefit; therefore, a medical examination and treatment will be completed at the institution.
- B. When an inmate reports being the victim of Sexual Assault, a suicide risk assessment will be conducted by a mental health professional. If no mental health professional is on site, the assessment will be conducted by a health services nurse, who will then consult with the mental health professional on call if an inmate is at risk for suicide or self-injury so that necessary steps can be taken for ensuring the inmate's safety.
- C. A mental health professional will follow up with the inmate at seven days and thirty days after the mental health evaluation for any victim of an alleged sexual assault. For all confirmed victims of sexual assault, CTS will offer a minimum of four individual and eight group sessions.
- D. Prophylactic treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV disease, will be offered to all victims. A referral will be made to the appropriate health care professional(s) for possible HIV testing and/or health counseling.
- E. With permission or attempted permission, the Superintendent or designee will be notified of the incident to ensure protection of the victim. This may include input into "Special Case Factor" as needed, and or a change in housing assignment.
- F. A report is made to the correctional authorities to affect a separation of the victim from his/her assailant in their housing assignment.

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