

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## FF-10 SEXUAL ASSAULT

### ALS/ILS/BLS

***It is the responsibility of the individual who identifies violence upon another person to notify the police and to provide information to the victim regarding services available to victims of abuse as mandated by Illinois law.***

### Sexual Assault:

- Patient assessment and initial care protocol
- Remove patient from bystanders and provide privacy
- Treat injuries and contact medical control according to appropriate protocol
- Obtain the history as developmentally appropriate
- Document on the run report in the patient's and bystander's own words
- Report incident/suspicion to the local law enforcement agencies:
  - Inform the patient that you are required by law to report suspected victims of violence or sexual assault.
  - Document on the PCR: date, time and law enforcement personnel reported to.
- Do not allow patient to eat or drink anything.
- Do not remove patient's clothing/personal belongings unless specifically indicates for treatment of injuries. If clothing/personal belongings are removed:
  - Place in a paper bag, seal bag and label with patient's name, date, time, and person collecting the clothing/accessories.
  - Document on the bag and PCR what items were collected and placed in the bag.
  - Transport belongings with patient.
  - Turn over clothing/personal belongings to receiving nurse/police officer.
  - Document on the PCR who received the patient's clothing/personal belongings.
- If patient is a minor, contact Department of Children and Family Services.
  - Refer to Suspected Child Abuse Neglect protocol

### Refusal of Treatment and/or Transport:

- Inform patient that you are required by law to report suspected/actual victims of violence to local law enforcement agencies.
  - Document on the PCR: date, time and law enforcement personnel reported to.
- Contact Medical Control if any question of patient's mental competency to refuse treatment/transport.
  - Refer to Patients Right of Refusal protocol.
- If competent patient continues to want to refuse treatment/transport:
  - Have patient sign Patient Right of Refusal Form
- Provide patient with information sheet regarding services available to victims of abuse and/or violence.
  - Document on the PCR that patient received this information.