

Priority Topic: RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT

Key Features:

1. Provide [comprehensive care to all patients](#) who have been sexually assaulted, regardless of their decision to proceed with evidence collection or not.

What you should study:

THINK SOO: ask about desire to contact police, collect evidence, and press charges but DO NOT PUSH and provide sensitive and gentle care regardless.

- ✓ [Care of Patient after Sexual Assault NEJM 2011](#)
- ✓ [Drug-facilitated Sexual Assault CMAJ 2009](#)
- ✓ [Care of the Adolescent Patient after Sexual Assault AAP 2017](#)

2. Apply the [same principles of managing sexual assault](#) in the acute setting to other ambulatory settings (i.e. medical assessment, pregnancy prevention, STI screening/treatment/prophylaxis, counselling).

- ✓ **Don't forget to do appropriate testing and care in a clinic setting (same articles as above)**

3. [Limit documentation](#) in sexual assault patients to [observations](#) and other [necessary medical information](#) (i.e., avoid recording hearsay information).

What you should study:

- ✓ [Sexual Assault of Women AAFP 2010](#) - **Page 3: Eval and Tx of Injuries**

4. In addition to other post-exposure prophylactic measures taken, [assess the need](#) for [human immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis B prophylaxis](#) in patients who have been sexually assaulted.

What you should study: know how to decide and also how to prescribe

- ✓ [Care of Patient after Sexual Assault NEJM 2011](#)
- ✓ [Pocket PEP St Mike's 2016](#)

5. [Offer counselling](#) to all patients affected by sexual assault, whether they are [victims, family members, friends, or partners](#) ; do not discount the [impact of sexual assault](#) on all of these people.

What you should study:

- ✓ [Sexual Assault ACOG 2014](#) - **psychological impact**

6. [Revisit the need for counselling](#) in patients affected by sexual assault.

7. Enquire about [undisclosed sexual assault](#) when seeing patients who have symptoms such as [depression, anxiety, and somatization](#) .

What you should study: remember to ask re: both **RECENT** and **REMOTE**

- ✓ [Adult Manifestations of Childhood Sexual Abuse ACOG 2011-17](#)

Special Populations:

- [Military-related Sexual Assault CMAJ 2017](#) **(Military Women)**
- [Men and Sexual Assault ASAAS](#) **(Men)**
- [Sexual Violence against Men & Boys in the Syria Crisis UNHCR](#) **(Refugee)**
- [Violence against Aboriginal Women Fact Sheet](#) **(Aboriginal)**
shockingly I couldn't find an article on Sexual Assault in Aboriginal women
- [Sexual Violence in the Trans Community](#) **(Transgender)**

You should also be aware of Trauma-informed care:

- ✓ [Trauma-Informed Care CFP 2018](#)
- ✓ [Soins tenant compte des traumatismes CFP 2018](#)