

## **NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice**

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Title:NWT Guidelines for the Care of Survivors of Sexual Assault Revision 2020Effective Date:FEBRUARY 2020

Important: REPLACING existing CPI #146.

## **Statement of approved Clinical Practice:**

The *NWT Guidelines for the Care of Survivors of Sexual Assault* outline best practices on how to interact with, support, respond to, and provide appropriate follow up to individuals who have experienced sexual assault. This provides NWT healthcare professionals in all healthcare settings with the resources and direction to implement best practices and to standardize care provided to survivors of sexual assault in all NWT communities.

The guidelines include information for healthcare professionals relating to consent (informed consent for medical and forensic examination and age of consent for sexual activity), care of pediatric patients, assessments and details on forensic examination. An algorithm has been created to supplement care pathway information included in the guideline.

Printable appendices can also be provided to the sexual assault (SA) survivor.

The 2020 Revision updated hyperlinks, corrected information pertaining to the storage of the S.A.E.K. once completed, and clarity on the care of the Pediatric patient.

## Attachments:

An electronic copy of this notice is also available on the Department of Health and Social Services public website at: <u>http://www.professionals.hss.gov.nt.ca/document-categories/clinical-practice-information-notices</u>.

Assistant Deputy Minister

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