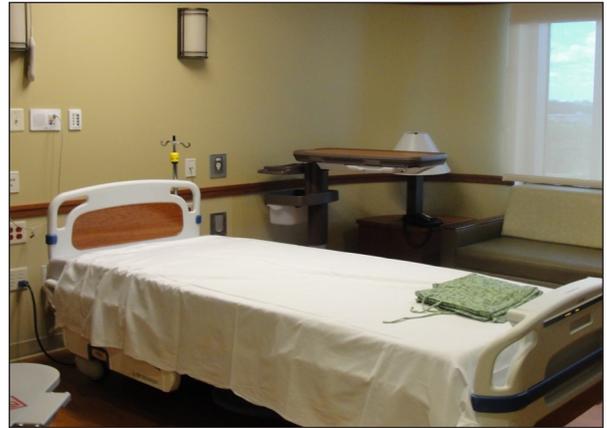


# Sexual Violence Victims + the ER



## What is a Medical Forensic Exam?

- Exams are Offered to Victims of Sexual Assault or Abuse at Treatment Hospitals.
- Exams are Free of Charge
- Exams are Performed by a Qualified Healthcare Provider

### **Exams May Include:**

- A Physical Exam
- Forensic Photography
- Support and Resources from a Rape Crisis Center Advocate
- Evidence Collection
- Medications and Laboratory Testing

## What You Decide:

- **Exam:** You decide what parts of the exam you want or don't want. You are in control of what happens to your body.
- **Evidence:** You decide whether you want evidence collected or not. You can release the evidence for testing or ask for it to be held in storage for at least 10 years. Evidence can still be collected and stored even if you are not ready to notify law enforcement. You can choose to release the evidence for testing later.
- **Law Enforcement:** You decide if you want to report to law enforcement and what information is shared. If you disclose a crime, law enforcement will be notified, but hospital staff can keep your information anonymous.

## Resources

- Find your Local Rape Crisis Center at [www.icasa.org](http://www.icasa.org)
- Office of the Illinois Attorney General at [www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov)

