

CMG 32 – ASSAULT

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ICP	Be aware of risks to yourself and others – consider police assistance	AP
ICP	Ensure scene control and safety	AP
ICP	<i>As much as is practical</i> , be wary of evidence preservation at the scene (wear gloves, watch wear you walk, etc.)	AP
ICP	Treat injuries as per appropriate CMG	AP
ICP	Attention to detail (such as full name, location, times, others present) is very important. Be sure to document, <i>in detail</i> , any injuries/markings found during examination.	AP
ICP	Report any suspicion, belief or concern about child abuse or neglect <i>as soon as possible</i> .	AP

SPECIFICALLY FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT:

ICP	Be aware that some patients may resent physical contact from carers	AP
ICP	Avoid judgemental comments – do not allow personal beliefs to interfere with any communication	AP
ICP	Ensure that every assessment or treatment procedure is explained fully and consent is gained before it is conducted (exceptions to this include patients with a decreased LOC, or with life threatening injuries)	AP
ICP	Articles of evidence, such as clothing, must be taken with the patient (use a paper bag)	AP
ICP	Discourage the patient from showering or washing	AP
ICP	Consider offering to bring a support person with the patient, if appropriate	AP
ICP	Do not give details of the assault over the radio	AP