

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAM



WHERE TO GO?

University Medical Center (Emergency Department)

2000 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70112
24 hours a day, 7 days a week
All forensic services are free.
(504) 702-3000

The Hope Clinic

701 Loyola, Suite 108
New Orleans, LA 70113
Monday-Friday 9am-6pm
All forensic services are free.
(504) 503-0878

Tulane Medical Center (Emergency Department)

4700 South I-10 Service Rd W.
Metairie, LA 70001
24 hours a day, 7 days a week
All forensic services are free.
(504) 780-8282



RAINN Sexual Assault Hotline:

1 (800) 656-4673

Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

988

LaFASA Advocacy Line:

1 (888) 995-7273

WHAT IS A FORENSIC EXAM?

Sexual assault forensic exams provide patients both medical care and evidence collection after incidents of sexual violence.

Forensic nurses extensively trained in trauma-informed care and evidence collection will provide one-on-one patient care.

Exams should be completed within 5 days of the incident.

**This is a completely voluntary exam.
You have the right to accept or decline
any or all parts of the exam.**

A sexual assault forensic exam can include:

- ✔ Treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- ✔ Initiating PEP treatment to prevent an HIV infection (up to 3 days after incident)
- ✔ Providing pregnancy preventatives (must start within 3-5 days of incident)
- ✔ Telling the nurse a detailed description of what happened
- ✔ A head-to-toe examination and assessment of the entire body (including an internal examination, if indicated)
- ✔ Collection of swabs that may contain perpetrator's DNA
- ✔ Photo documentation of any injuries

This exam usually lasts around about 2-5 hours. While this may seem long, forensic nurses take the time to provide survivors with the attention they deserve, to ensure they are medically safe and that any evidence is properly collected.