

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens to the evidence you collected?

It is turned over to law enforcement officials in the county in which your assault happened. Law enforcement will get the results of the testing.

What happens next?

The law enforcement investigator will know what is happening on your case. They will keep you informed of the progress of things. If you don't hear from them, feel free to call them.

Who do I talk to with questions about my case?

The advocate that responded when you came in can answer most of your questions or refer you to someone who can.

What if I get a fever or have a discharge?

Follow up with your primary care provider or Alpha Care or go to the Emergency Department.

Can I drink alcohol?

No, not while you are on medications as it could alter the effectiveness of the meds or make the alcohol have different effects on you.

Suggestions

- **Drink plenty of fluids** (water especially, also Gatorade & juices)
- **Eat live culture yogurt** for the next week to maintain your good bacterial flora.
- **Acidophilus or lactobacillus** capsules are available over the counter if you don't eat yogurt.
- **DO NOT drink alcohol while taking medications** (especially Flagyl in this case) as it will alter the effectiveness of some medications.
- **Use sun block while taking Doxycycline** as you will be more predisposed to sunburn.
- You may need to use **other birth control methods** while taking antibiotics as they may alter the effectiveness of oral birth control.
- **If you take Emergency Contraception (ECP)** - there may be side effects. You will be provided a list of possible side effects, but your next menstrual period may be unusually heavy with severe cramping and bleeding. A calcium supplement may help alleviate this.
- **Consider further testing** for HIV or Hepatitis at your local health department or primary care provider.
- If you develop any symptoms, such as rash, pain with urination, fever or unusual discharge, **contact your doctor.**



SANE/SART Unit

**Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
Sexual Assault Response Team**

Information for our Patients

**Located Inside of
Geary Community Hospital
1102 St. Mary's Rd.
Junction City, KS 66441**

Medications

Today you may have been given:

Rocephin

250mg IM (shot)

Azithromycin (Zithromax)

1 gram by mouth

Metronidazole (Flagyl)

2 grams by mouth

Ondansetron (Zofran)

4 mg under the tongue

Other:

Emergency Contraception (ECP)

Plan B - One Step

A one-time dose of
Levonorgestrel 1.50mg.

This may cause a much heavier period or other side effects - a list of these will be provided to you.

You may obtain this if you choose to, **without a prescription**, if you are age 17 or older. Plan B requires a prescription for patients under age 17.

What are STI's

Sexually Transmitted Infections?

or Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's)

- **An infection spread during sex through contact with body fluids (blood, semen, vaginal fluid, saliva or infected skin lesions)**
- **Sexual contact can include the penis, vagina, anus, or mouth**

Common Symptoms:

- **Unusual or foul smelling discharge from penis or vagina**
- **Lump, bumps or rashes**
- **Sores that may or may not be painful**
- **Itching**
- **Burning with urination**
- **Pain in the abdomen, pelvis or rectum**

If you have any of these symptoms, seek testing and treatment from your Primary Care Provider or Alpha Care.



We recommend that you follow up with your primary care provider or the health department in 2-3 weeks for further testing and care.

Dictionary of Common Sexually Transmitted Infections

Canchroids- A treatable bacterial infection that causes painful sores

Chlamydia- A treatable bacterial infection that can scar the fallopian tubes affecting the ability to have children in women or cause infertility in men

Gonorrhea- A treatable bacterial infection that causes inflammation of the urethra, prostate, and/or pharynx

Hepatitis- An inflammation that affects the liver

Herpes- A virus, for which there is no cure, that causes painful blisters or sores in the genital area

HIV/AIDS- A virus, for which there is no cure, which can attack the immune system

HPV (Genital Warts) - A virus, for which there is no cure, which affects the genital area with warts

NGU (Non-gonococcol Urethritis) - A treatable bacterial infection of the urethra (tube carrying urine out of body)

PID (Pelvic Inflammatory Disease) - A treatable bacterial infection of the female reproductive organs

Syphilis- A treatable bacterial infection that can spread throughout the entire body, and can affect the liver, heart, brain and nerves

Trichomoniasis- A treatable bacterial infection that can cause a foul smelling discharge