

## COLORADO SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTING OPTIONS

Does the patient want to involve law enforcement and participate in a potential investigation?

**YES**

### Option: **Law Enforcement Report**

The reporting patient needs to decide:

- Do they want evidence collected?
- If they do opt for evidence collection, do they want the evidence stored (by law enforcement) or analyzed?

\* Evidence collection portion of exam is billed to the investigating law enforcement agency.

**NO**

Some considerations when choosing Medical Report or Anonymous:

- Patients have the right to evidence collection with either *Medical* or *Anonymous* Reporting.
- Patients can opt for storage of evidence with either *Medical* or *Anonymous* Reporting.
- *Medical* Reporting patients can opt to have their evidence analyzed (however they will have to interact with law enforcement at some point for the results as crime lab can only release results to law enforcement).
- *Anonymous* Reporting patients cannot opt to have their evidence analyzed (crime lab can not run analysis on an anonymous kit), only stored (for a minimum of two years- total time dependent on individual law enforcement agency policy).

Does the patient consent to law enforcement having their identity?

**YES**

### Option: **Medical Report**

The medical reporting patient needs to decide:

- Do they want evidence collected?
  - Notify law enforcement of the sexual assault and request a case number for the evidence. You may need to provide the patient's name and date of birth. This patient does not have to interact with law enforcement if they do not want to.
- If they do opt for evidence collection, do they want the evidence stored (by law enforcement) or analyzed?
- Educate the patient if they desire to change to a full law enforcement report, they should contact law enforcement.

\* Evidence collection portion of exam is billed to Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ).

**NO**

### Option: **Anonymous Report**

The anonymous reporting patient needs to decide:

- Do they want evidence collected?
  - Evidence can be collected and stored but *cannot be analyzed*.
- Educate the patient if they desire to change to a medical report or a full law enforcement report, they should contact law enforcement.
- The medical record will be what ties the patient to their evidence, as law enforcement should have no identifying information.

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