

Treatment Protocols**Date: 07/01/2023****Sexual Assault****Policy #9190****BLS Standing Orders**

- **Universal Patient Protocol (LALS and ALS)**
- Treat life-threatening injuries and according to specific medical/trauma protocol
- Do not allow to bathe, urinate, stool, or change clothing if possible
- Preserve all evidence as possible. Document accordingly
- Coordinate with law enforcement for transport to appropriate SART facility if patient is medically stable.
 - If not medically stable, transport to the closest hospital. Ensure law enforcement is aware of patient's destination
- Defer transport of patient to law enforcement to the hospital for medical evaluation if requested and if no apparent emergency medical condition appears present

Notes:**Designated Imperial County SART Facility:** Pioneers Memorial Hospital

- **All medical providers are mandated reporters in the state of California.** Ensure all assault or suspected assaults are reported to the authorities.
- If a patient may be endangered by the reporting of the incident, ensure law enforcement is aware of this danger.
- Sexual assaults are often felt as the greatest loss of control a person can feel. As much as possible, place the feeling of control back to the patient

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