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|  | 1.1General   * If an assault or allegation of an assault occurs, there are strict guidelines in place for the care and treatment of those involved, for the reporting of same and for evidence collection. * Investigative due diligence in the event of assault should be maintained by following current guidelines utilized by medical associations regarding the examination of those involved and the collection of evidence that may be used in any subsequent investigation and prosecution by law enforcement.   1.2 Preparations   * All medical staff onboard should have reviewed and completed a Sexual Assault training video. * As a standard procedure, a female Nurse or chaperone must be present whenever a Doctor examines and/or interviews a patient. * All equipment necessary for the examination of the patient and the collection of evidence is contained within the Sexual Assault evidence collection kit maintained onboard. * Valid Prophylaxis medication against STI’s, HIV, Hep B and Pregnancy are to be in stock.   1.3 Examination   * An examination performed should focus on body areas relevant to the alleged assault (e.g. vaginal, rectal, oral, etc.) * If the assault involved oral sex only, it is not necessary to perform a vaginal or rectal exam. * If the assault did not involve bodily contact with the pubic region (i.e. no clothing was removed), it would not be necessary to perform pubic combing. * When completing the Assault Treatment Record, the document should be prepared as thoroughly as possible to avoid any misinterpretation. * The Doctors and/or Nurses should print legibly to avoid any discrepancy or misinterpretation. * If the assault occurred more than 72 hours prior to presentation, forensic evidence will not be relevant and need not be collected. * The patient should be treated for injuries and sexually transmitted infections (STI’s) and provided with initial counseling.   1.4 Notification   * If a Guest or a crew has claimed a sexual assault against them, the local Police should be informed. * If the incident occurred whilst the vessel was at sea, the police at the next port of call should be informed via the local Port agents. * The police will determine if any investigation is warranted. * Evidence will be maintained by the Staff Captain in a secure location until permission is obtained to release to the proper authorities is obtained from Silversea. |
|  | **References**  Company Guidelines  VSP  SOLAS |