

Clinical and Medical Programs

Practice Update

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UNIT CHIEFS PLEASE POST

Audience: All BCEHS Paramedics

Subject: Fraser Health Forensic Nursing Services

What's New? With immediate effect, patients who are the victim of sexual assaults requiring the

Forensic Nursing Services in Fraser will now be transported to the **nearest**

emergency department for immediate medical care – once assessed, patients will

then be referred to the FNS by the receiving ED.

Why? By transporting victims of assault to the nearest ED, we facilitate a quicker referral

process to specialist Forensic Nurses and reduce the need for protracted transfers

to specialist centres.

How does this affect

my practice?

Crews will be able to transport patients to the nearest emergency department whereas previous practice involved transporting to specific designated hospitals –

this allows a quick assessment and referral process for our patients.

What additional resources are available?

A specific pathway is being added to the BCEHS Handbook, but you can also contact

CliniCall for any on-scene advice.

Who do I contact if I

have questions?

Please contact your regional paramedic practice educator, paramedic practice

leader or email clinical practice@bcehs.ca with any questions.

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Fraser Health Forensic Nursing Service (Sexual assault)

Availability: 24 Hours

- BCEHS paramedics complete clinical assessment and utilize clinical tools and CPGs.
- NO CliniCall consultation required.
- Destination:

NONE

Nearest Emergency Department

Alternative Destination Pathway

> Availability &

Assessment

Inclusion Criteria

- Patients who identify as being victims of sexual assault who require Forensic Nursing Services.
- The FNS team will be notified by the receiving ED and arrange ongoing referral & examination.

Exclusion Criteria

> Referral & Process

- Paramedic to complete all required documentation in ePCR including at least one set of vital signs, current address & documentation of injuries found and/or treated.
- Transport to nearest ED at handover, inform triage nurse of any pertinent information.

NO CLINICALL CONSULT REQUIRED FOR THS PATHWAY