

# Practice Update

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## \*UNIT CHIEFS PLEASE POST\*

<b>Audience:</b>	All BCEHS Paramedics
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Fraser Health Forensic Nursing Services</b>
<b>What's New?</b>	With immediate effect, patients who are the victim of sexual assaults requiring the Forensic Nursing Services in Fraser will now be transported to the <b>nearest emergency department</b> for immediate medical care – once assessed, patients will then be referred to the FNS by the receiving ED.
<b>Why?</b>	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.
<b>How does this affect my practice?</b>	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.
<b>What additional resources are available?</b>	A specific pathway is being added to the BCEHS Handbook, but you can also contact CliniCall for any on-scene advice.
<b>Who do I contact if I have questions?</b>	Please contact your regional paramedic practice educator, paramedic practice leader or email <a href="mailto:clinicalpractice@bcehs.ca">clinicalpractice@bcehs.ca</a> with any questions.

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