Who We Are

The Philadelphia Sexual Assault Response Center (PSARC) is **not** connected to the police department. We are a private forensic center operating under the auspices of Drexel University College of Medicine and the direction of the Department of Emergency Medicine.

We use specially trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) to perform the exam. You are **not** responsible for payment of the medications or medical forensic examination.

Our facility for performing exams and providing necessary medications is located **privately** within the same building as the Philadelphia Police Department Special Victims Units to help alleviate some stress in filing a police report. You do not need to file a police report to receive services, but without a police report, the perpetrator cannot be prosecuted by the law.

Other Information

Philadelphia Sexual Assault Response Center:
Fax: 215-425-1419
Emergency (for on-call SANE):
215-425-1625
Email: psarc@drexelmed.edu
Website: drexelmed.edu/forensic-emed/

Women Organized Against Rape (WOAR) - Non-profit organization who help serve the needs of survivors of sexual violence:
One Penn Center
1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Suite 1100
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Office: 215-985-3315
Hotline: 215-985-3333
Website: www.woar.org

Special Victims Unit:
Phone: 215-685-3251, 52 or 53 to make a police report

Your detective is:

Your case number is:

Emergency / Crime in Progress:
Call 911

Care and Recovery After Sexual Assault

300 East Hunting Park Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19124

Located at the Philadelphia Safety Collaborative

215-800-1589
What Happens Now
To have an examination you must first consent to an examination and evidence collection by a SANE.

You will be brought to the PSARC by the police officer if you have no other medical emergencies needing care at a hospital. The SANE will be called in.

The examination room

A medical forensic examination will be performed where evidence will be collected.

Medications for disease prevention and treatment, as well as emergency contraception can be administered.

You will also have the opportunity to have a rapid oral HIV test and urine pregnancy test.

The examination does not take long and we try to maximize your comfort.

Components of the Exam
The goal of the exam is to identify injuries and potential biological material from which DNA may be obtained.

You can refuse any part of the exam at any time.

The nurse will check you from head to toe looking for injuries and potential evidence. A special forensic light may be used.

Evidence will be collected in the Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit which contains many envelopes and swabs that are used on and within body areas. The evidence is then transferred to police for analysis.

An exam using a speculum is performed to look for any trauma that may have occurred.

A colposcope, essentially a magnifying glass with a light that helps the examiner to find injuries or evidence, may be used.

A forensic blue swab may also be used which helps to look for smaller areas of trauma. Injuries are documented and photographs may be taken as evidence, with your permission.

After the examination is finished, medications will be administered and any questions you may have will be answered throughout the exam.

Treatment
There are many medications that will be given to help prevent or treat a variety of sexual transmitted infections (STIs).

We also offer emergency contraception.

The medications can include:

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