

Who We Are



The waiting room

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



Philadelphia
Sexual Assault
Response Center

**Care and
Recovery
After
Sexual
Assault**

300 East Hunting Park Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19124

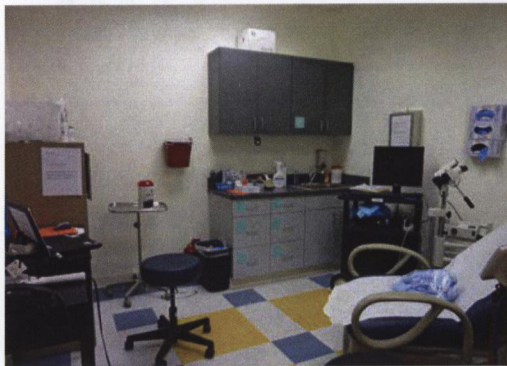
Located at the Philadelphia
Safety Collaborative

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.



Forensic light

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.



Colposcope

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:

Medication	To Treat/ Prevent
Ceftriaxone (injection)	Gonorrhea
Doxycycline (tablet)	Gonorrhea
Azithromycin (tablet)	Chlamydia
Metronidazole (tablet)	Bacterial Vaginosis and Trichomoniasis
Truvada (tablet)	HIV
Reyataz (tablet)	HIV
Norvir (tablet)	HIV
Tetanus Vaccine (injection)	Tetanus
Levonorgestrel (tablet)	Pregnancy
Ondansetron (disintegrating tablet)	Nausea