



Frequently asked questions

What is an acute presentation?

An acute presentation occurs when someone who has been sexually assaulted in the last 7 days and requires medical examination, sexual health intervention and psychosocial support presents at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. It is always best that you call the **364 65207** phone number before you come to the RBWH Emergency Department.

What is a recent sexual assault?

You are eligible to access the post acute sexual assault service up two years after the date of your assault. We recommend that you ring us to ask whether you are eligible to see one of our counsellors for counselling.

Can I still get help if my sexual assault is not recent?

Yes of course you can. You can call one of our counsellors during business hours or you can call the **Sexual Assault Statewide Helpline on 1800 010 120** and they will provide you with contact details where to find a sexual assault service in your area or you can go on-line to the Qld Health website <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/sexualassault/html/contact.asp>

Do I have to go to a hospital after a sexual assault?

It is always highly recommended that you seek medical intervention as soon as possible but you do not need to go to a hospital, your local General Practitioner or Sexual Health Clinic can assist you with this. This is necessary to ensure that you have not sustained any injuries and to assess potential sexual health needs.

What will medical staff do?

You will need sexual health follow up screening for possible pregnancy and other Sexually Transmissible Infections. This is always best done as soon as possible as medical staff may be able to administer emergency contraception and infection prevention. If you have not sought medical or sexual health support very soon after the sexual assault, it may not be necessary for you to come to the RBWH Emergency Department as your local sexual health clinic or your General Practitioner can also provide you with this.

Do I have to continue sexual health screening?

It is highly recommended that you attend any follow up appointments suggested by any medical staff member as they may have to monitor your health over a period of time.

How will my General Practitioner know what to do?

The Queensland Health website provide all General Practitioners with a link to Queensland Sexual Health Clinical Management Guidelines.

http://www.health.qld.gov.au/sexhealth/documents/cm_guidelines.asp
<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/sexhealth/hp/default.asp>