



16 - Treatment of Victims of Sexual Assault

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The American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians supports the treatment of victims of sexual assault by specially educated and clinically trained physicians or other personnel when appropriate and accessible. This treatment may include the collection of forensic evidence and conducting of specialized health care tests to ensure the safety and health of the sexual assault victim.

The ACOEP further supports the development, funding and training of Emergency Department personnel in the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and/or the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) programs to provide these personnel to every emergency department on a 24 hour / 7 days a week basis.