

b-2 ASSAULT VICTIM

PRIORITIES:

- ABCs
- Assess and treat as a trauma victim first; ensure a patent airway, taking appropriate spinal precautions
- Assure an advanced life support response
- Provide emotional support for both the victim and family or friends present

Child Abuse/Sexual Assault

Minor victim of physical abuse or victim (adult or child) or non-consensual sexual activity.

1. Assess and treat as a trauma victim first; ensure a patent airway, taking spinal precautions, if appropriate.
2. Oxygen therapy, if indicated;
3. Assess for and treat any associated injuries or illnesses per specific treatment guidelines;
4. Provide reassurance and emotional support. Contact support groups and law enforcement per local procedure;
5. Encourage patient to be transported to designated sexual assault treatment center if condition allows. Discourage bathing, washing, urination/defecation or changing clothes, in cooperation with law enforcement.