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CARE PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF ASSAULT

Sexual
Domestic violence
Elder abuse



HAWKESBURY AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL

This program is designed to address the medical, emotional and social needs of victims who have experienced sexual assault, intimate partner violence, or elder abuse.

PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

- Every individual has the right to live a life free from violence;
- We recognize that an assault is a crime of violence that impacts the physical and emotional health of the victim;
- The victims are respected and believed;
- A non-judgmental, client-centred, individualized approach that meets their unique health care needs;
- Victims are encouraged to make informed decisions;
- The decisions of the victim are respected;
- The abuser is responsible for his actions, not the victim;
- A full service offer requires the collaboration of several community partners;
- Intervention with victims is done with respect and dignity.

WHICH CARE ARE OFFERED TO VICTIMS?

- Medical and emergency nursing care (*assessment and treatment of injuries*)
- Prophylaxis and pregnancy and infection prevention (STI, HIV)
- Crisis intervention
- Collection of forensic evidence
- Medical follow-ups and counseling
- Risk assessment and safety planning
- Reference to community resources / services

THE VICTIM MUST BE REFERRED?

Victims do not need a referral to access the program.

RIGHTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- Victims normally need information about their rights, available services and support.
- The victim makes the decisions related to the care offered.
- The victim has access to a confidential service.



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