

Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
CONSENT FORM
SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE
Consent for Various Procedures Related
to Treatment, Investigation and
Disclosure of Information

DATE	NURSING UNIT
MR. MISS, MRS	UNIT NUMBER
SURNAME	GIVEN NAME
DOCTOR	(PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS)
SEX	AGE

To: _____
(Name of Examiner)

AND TO: VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, BC WOMEN'S SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE (SAS) and all physicians and other persons involved in my care:

I understand that:

- I am free to consent to all or any part of the examination and/or treatment.
- My refusal to consent to any part of the examination will in no way result in denial of treatment for the effects of the sexual assault.
- I am free to revoke all or any part of this consent at any time by giving written or verbal notice to the named Examiner (or other member the BC Women's SAS) and Vancouver General Hospital.

I, _____ hereby authorize you to:
(Patient's name)

CHOOSE ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING - A, B OR C Strike out and initial any part to which you DO NOT consent within the section you have signed

- A. PROVIDE HEALTH CARE** Examine and/or treat me medically for the effects of sexual assault.
Provide me with support, advocacy and/or information about support services.

Signature of the patient _____ Date _____

- B. 1. PROVIDE HEALTH CARE**
2. CONDUCT A FORENSIC EXAMINATION AND DOCUMENT FINDINGS
3. COLLECT FORENSIC SAMPLES DURING EXAMINATION
4. GIVE THE POLICE ANY FORENSIC SAMPLES, AS WELL AS A WRITTEN MEDICAL-LEGAL REPORT

A forensic examination may include:

- an examination of the mouth, vagina and anal area.
- the collection of clothing, loose hair and debris, fingernail scraping/clippings
- the collection of samples from the skin, mouth, vagina and anal area
- the collection of blood and urine for drug and alcohol detection
- a blood spot or buccal (cheek) swab for patient DNA.

Signature of the patient _____ Date _____

- C. 1. PROVIDE HEALTH CARE**
2. CONDUCT A FORENSIC EXAMINATION AND DOCUMENT FINDINGS
3. COLLECT FORENSIC SAMPLES DURING EXAMINATION
4. STORE ANY FORENSIC SAMPLES FOR ONE YEAR AND KEEP ON FILE A WRITTEN MEDICAL-LEGAL REPORT

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- the collection of clothing, loose hair and debris, fingernail scraping/clippings
- the collection of samples from the skin, mouth, vagina and anal area
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- a blood spot or buccal (cheek) swab for patient DNA.

Signature of the patient _____ Date _____

Signature of SAS Examiner _____ Date _____

CONSENT FOR EXAMINATION AND/OR TREATMENT
CONSENT BY PROXY IS NOT AN OPTION FOR A MEDICAL
AND/OR FORENSIC EXAMINATION

a) Consent of Minor (person under 19) to Medical and/or Forensic Examination, and/or Treatment.

It is not necessary to obtain consent from the minor's parent or guardian. A minor's consent is effective if:

- i) The Physician or Nurse Examiner has explained to the minor, and has been satisfied that the minor understands the nature and consequences and the reasonably foreseeable benefits and risks of examination and/or treatment.
- ii) The Physician or Nurse Examiner has made reasonable efforts to determine and has concluded that the examination and/or treatment are in the minor's best interest.

Only the patient, of whatever age, may provide consent for a medical and/or forensic examination.

b) Consent of Mentally Incompetent Person to Medical and/or Forensic Examination, and/or Treatment

An informed consent for an examination must be obtained regardless of the patient's level of mental competency.* If obtaining an informed consent is not possible, (e.g., unconscious patient) the exam is postponed until such time as informed consent is given, or deferred altogether (e.g., fixed mental incompetence).

Only the patient may provide consent for Medical and/or Forensic Examination.

* If a **medical** examination and/or treatment are required to save life or limb in an incompetent patient, consent is not required.

(THIS FORM IS TO BE RETAINED BY VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL)