



AFTER SEXUAL ASSAULT: MEDICAL OPTIONS

Resilience recognizes that seeking medical care after sexual violence is a deeply personal decision. We support whatever choice is right for each person. Our advocates work to help inform this decision by providing information on services offered at hospitals and community health clinic settings. We want survivors to know, **you have options.**

SERVICES OFFERED IN IL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

Resilience partners with [15 community hospitals](#) where advocates provide round the clock telephone advocacy to all survivors in the Emergency Department. Here’s what survivors can expect when accessing care in a hospital:

- Forensic evidence collection, forensic photography and toxicology screening (aka “the rape kit”) within 7 days of the incident
- Preventative treatment for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) such as gonorrhea, chlamydia and trichomonas
- Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), a medication to prevent HIV within 72 hours of the incident. [Click this link for more information on PEP](#)
- Emergency Contraception to prevent pregnancy within 72–120 hours of the incident
- Full medical exam to assess for a patient’s overall wellbeing and treatment
- The option to report the crime to law enforcement at the hospital
- State-issued voucher that will cover the cost of follow-up care within 180 days of the original visit
- The option to have an advocate assist you over the phone at [these locations](#)
- All care provided in the emergency department is offered at no cost to the patient

SERVICES AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS

If a survivor is interested in accessing medical care without visiting a hospital, Resilience advocates can provide a connection to the community health clinics below.

TO CONNECT WITH AN ADVOCATE, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM.

An advocate will reach out to you within 24 hours. Community health clinics provide the following services:

- Emergency Contraception to prevent pregnancy
- Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), a medication to prevent HIV
- Medical exam
- Testing for Sexually Transmitted Infections and Diseases
- Preventative treatment for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- Pregnancy Tests
- Options regarding pregnancy such as a termination

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Medical Clinics

Chicago Women’s Health Center
(773) 935-6136
Chicago’s Uptown neighborhood

Planned Parenthood
Call (877) 200-7745 or Text “PPNOW” to 774636
for info on emergency contraception & birth control

Howard Brown Health
(773) 388-1600
Various locations in Chicago

24-Hour Hotlines

Chicago Rape Crisis Hotline 1 (888) 293-2080 • Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (877) 863-6338
RAINN 1 (800) 656-4673 • Trans Lifeline 1 (877) 565-8860



Medical Care by Setting

	Emergency Department in Illinois	Community Health Clinics
Reporting to Law Enforcement	AVAILABLE Law Enforcement is automatically notified. Patient will choose if they want to report.	NOT AVAILABLE However, reporting can be done by calling 311 or going to a police station.
Voucher for Follow-Up Care	AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
Forensic Evidence Collection; forensic photography and toxicology screening (aka “the rape kit”)	AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
Termination of Pregnancy	NOT AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Preventative treatment for STIs such as gonorrhea, chlamydia and trichomonas	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), for the prevention of HIV (within 72 hrs.)	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Emergency Contraception for the prevention of pregnancy (72–120 hrs.)	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Medical Exam	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Pregnancy Test	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE

[Click here to connect with an advocate to further discuss your options.](#)