

Sexual Assault

STEP

1.

PHONE SARC

for advice

9340 1828 (or KEMH switchboard)

STEP

2.

COLLECT

early evidence kit specimens



WEE

in a yellow top
sterile pot



WIPE

the vulval area
with sterile gauze
+
place in yellow top
sterile pot

Early Evidence Kit Specimens (EEKs)

Purpose:

Allow for patient comfort (while preventing evidence loss) prior to a forensic examination. Pre-made Early Evidence Kits (EEKs) contain all the required equipment and stationary. *Alternatively standard hospital supplies can be used for the required equipment and stationary (in this document this is in italics).*





EEKs stationary:

Labels (*plain labels with Patient's name and D.O.B. not patient labels which contain other personal information*)
 Consent Form (*standard consent form*)
 A4 envelope for forensic specimens (*plastic specimen container bags*)
 Red evidence label (*a label with: patient name, D.O.B., collector's name, date, time*)
 EEK forensic specimen list (*record the specimens taken in patient's notes*)
 Bright yellow sticker: "Please Forward to C.C.WA" (*for suspected drug facilitated assault add: forward to C.C. WA, to the urine specimen label*)

Consent:

Consent needs to be obtained prior to collection and handover of specimens. If indicated by clinical circumstances verbal consent / assent maybe obtained initially and, when the patient is able to, this should be followed with documented written consent prior to handover of specimens.

There is no need for the taking of these specimens to be observed

Sample / reason for collecting	Equipment	Procedure
<p>Oral rinse: Following penetration of mouth by penis (even if no ejaculation), finger, object, biting the assailant</p>	10 mls sterile water 1 yellow topped collection pot labelled: • oral rinse 1 pair of gloves	Patient to: wear gloves and hold pot, place sterile water in mouth, rinse thoroughly around mouth, spit fluid in to collection pot, replace top
<p>"Wee + wipe" (females) (Urine (first part) and vulval wipe) Following penetration / attempted penetration of vagina by penis (even if no ejaculation), finger, object</p>  <p>Urine for toxicology: Following suspected drug facilitated assault</p>	2 yellow topped collection pots labelled: • urine (first part) • vulval wipe Sterile gauze 1 pair of gloves Bright yellow sticker: 	Patient to be given items and go to the bathroom where they should: Put on gloves Pass first part of urine in to collection pot and replace top Use gauze to very gently wipe vulva and then place in the other collection pot, replace top Nurse / doctor to attach the bright yellow sticker / <i>Label</i> to the urine sample
<p>"Wee +wipe" (males) Urine (first part) Following the patient's penis in contact with a mouth/body cavity</p>  <p>Urine for toxicology: Following suspected drug facilitated assault</p>	2 yellow topped collection pots labelled: • urine (first part) • penile wipe 1 pair of gloves Sterile gauze 10mls sterile water Bright yellow sticker: 	Patient to be given items and go to the bathroom where they should: Put on gloves Pass first part of urine in to container and replace top Moisten gauze with water, wipe the shaft and tip of penis and place this gauze in the other collection pot, replace top Nurse / doctor to attach the bright yellow sticker / <i>Label</i> to the urine sample
<p>Peri-anal wipe Following penetration / attempted penetration of anus by penis (even if no ejaculation), finger, object (if patient needs to open bowels)</p>	1 yellow topped collection pot labelled: • peri-anal wipe Sterile gauze 1 pair of gloves 10 mls sterile water	Patient to be given items and go to the bathroom where they should: Put on gloves Moisten gauze with water and wipe around the outside of the anus and place this gauze in the collection pot, replace top
<p>Blood Following suspected drug facilitated assault</p>	2 fluoro-oxalate (grey-top) if available, or 2 EDTA (purple top) blood tubes labelled Sterile water	Clean skin with sterile water not alcohol wipe Collect blood Additionally document on the label the exact time of collection and the patient's weight
<p>Clothing If patient required to change for clinical reasons</p>	Large paper bags	Change gloves between items, place each item in a separate paper bag, seal each bag with a red evidence label / <i>Label</i>

Handover: Place all the specimens and a copy of the consent and specimen list in the envelope/*plastic bag*, securely seal it with the red evidence label / *completed label*, and sign across this with your name. Hand this either to the police or to the patient to bring to SARC, document in the notes.

Please telephone SARC Doctor for advice (9340 1828 or via King Edward Memorial Hospital switchboard)