APPENDIX # 3

Suffolk County Medical Referral Process

Patients 11 Years and Younger Who Have Been Sexual Assaulted/Abused

Patient Presentation for Sexual Abuse or Assault

Is patient 11 years or younger?

Yes

Is there a report or concern of sexual abuse/assault that occurred within a 72 hour (3 days) period?

Yes

Are any of the following present?

- A clear disclosure of sexual abuse or abuse that was witnessed by another?
- Oral, vaginal or rectal penetration (however slight)?
- Possibility of ejaculate or saliva on child's body?
- Anogenital pain, bleeding or injury not consistent with reported mechanism of injury

Yes

Patient meets criteria for medical care and forensic evidence collection using the MA **Pediatric** Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (MA PEDI KIT).

Is patient currently in ED?

Yes

- ED staff to complete MA Pediatric Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit
- File 51a
- Consult with social work or CPT per hospital protocol
- With guardian consent, facilitate police notification
- With parent/guardian consent: call Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County, 617-779-2144 or 617-779-2146 (M-F 8:30-5) to link to hospital intervention with CAC follow-up (Pedi SANE, forensic interview, advocacy, and other specialized resources).

No

Monday – Friday
9:00AM – 5:00 PM

- **File a 51A report**
- **Call CAC to ascertain availability of Pedi SANE to complete acute evidence collection**
- **If Pedi SANE not available refer patient to emergency**

Evenings, Nights, Weekends and Holidays

- Refer patient to emergency department

No

Refer to Attachment B Algorithm for children 12 - 17 years

No

Patient is outside of 72 hour window **or** does not meet criteria for forensic evidence

- **File a 51A report**
- With guardian consent facilitate police notification

With guardian consent:

- Call Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County (617) 779-2144 or (617) 779-2102 (M-F, 9:00 – 5:00) to consult about appropriateness of patient referral for Pedi SANE and other services

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