



# Westchester Regional EMS Council

## R E M A C   A D V I S O R Y

**2015 – 04:            Transportation Destination for Sexual Abuse or Assault Patients**

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The Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) recognizes the importance of transporting the right patients to the correct destination. The services offered by designated Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Programs, credentialed to care for adolescence and adults and of designated Child Abuse Medical Provider (CHAMP) Network, credentialed to care for children 12 years old and younger are vital in caring for a small number of specifically identified sexual assault and abuse cases.

### **Background**

The SAFE and CHAMP programs utilize experienced, highly qualified and compassionate physicians and nurses that are available 24/7 and offer various aspects of medical and/or forensic care to patients presenting with concerns for recent (within 96 hours) sexual abuse or assault.

These identified Centers of Excellence identified in New York State that are certified to in the special care of children, adolescents and adults presenting with concerns related to sexual abuse or assault. It is important for these select groups of patients to receive the specialty care from a designated Center of Excellence.

### **Procedure**

Upon identification of a stable patient of any age whereby the presenting complaint involves sexual abuse or sexual assault (based on patient self-report or bystander/police report), an EMT or Paramedic shall:

- a. Initiate the appropriate treatment for any injuries/illnesses in accordance with state and regional prehospital treatment protocols.
- b. Contact the closest regionally approved medical control facility as soon as practical to request any appropriate medical control orders and patient destination with an online medical control (OLMC) physician;
- c. If approved by OLMC, transport the patient to the closest appropriate SAFE or CHAMPS facility, unless one of the following conditions exists:
  - i. The patient is in extremis;



- ii. The patient has an unmanageable airway;
  - iii. The patient has other medical conditions (i.e. stroke, trauma, burns, STEMI) that may warrant transport to the closest appropriate hospital emergency department.
- d. Document all actions and communications with OLMC.

**Facilities**

**SAFE Centers of Excellence:** (Adolescence to Adult) >12 years old

Westchester Medical Center	Emergency Department:	(914) 493-7311
100 Woods Rd, Valhalla, NY 10595	Medical Control:	(914) 493-7307

**CHAMPS Centers of Excellence:** (Children) ≤ 12 years old

WMC / Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital	Emergency Department:	(914) 493-7311
100 Woods Rd, Valhalla, NY 10595	Medical Control:	(914) 493-7307

It is the hope of the REMAC that additional Centers of Excellence will be established within the county.

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