

## INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Today you have consulted a physician/a hospital gynaecology outpatient department because you have become a victim of sexual assault.

Or the police have brought you to the outpatient department of a hospital or a doctor's office for the purpose of collecting evidence for a criminal proceeding.

**If you have reported a crime to the police**, the samples will be stored by the police and evaluated. This evaluation is important evidence for a possible court case.

The physician who examines you is not subject to professional discretion in this case and will have to forward all of the information communicated by you regarding what happened to the police.

It is possible that the physician will be called to testify in the event of a court hearing later on.

For diagnosis, treatment and documentation, it is important that you **describe all of the acts leading to the injury** to the physician, so that all of the injuries and other symptoms, even those you may not be aware of, can be recorded.

Frequently, some symptoms only appear hours, days or even weeks later. Do not hesitate to consult a physician once again and to have these symptoms/injuries documented as well.

If you have received medication or a vaccination today, the physician will have advised you to seek additional treatment. It is important that you have this **follow-up treatment** (by a physician whom you trust) even if you do not have any further complaints at the moment.

A vaccination may only provide complete protection, for example, if it is repeated.

A gynaecological check-up is also important to ensure that no infectious diseases, which can lead to chronic inflammations and complaints, have occurred. This check-up will be paid for by your health insurance scheme.

Please take the **physician's letter** which you received today to your doctor. This letter only contains medical information for your doctor.

If important new findings are ascertained during the check-up which might be due to the sexual assault, it is very important that you report these findings to the police.

During **today's examination**, a blood sample was taken from you so that a few tests for possible existing sicknesses can be performed.

You can only obtain **the results** of this examination from the doctor's practice/hospital department where the examination took place. You should discuss the results with your own doctor (gynaecologist, urologist or family doctor).

### You do not have to cope with this difficult situation alone!

**Please make use of the various consulting and support services available.**

Information on services near you and all necessary addresses for women and men may be obtained from the

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