Care at the Tang Center for Sexual Assault Survivors

Medical Care

Primary Care
- If a student reveals an assault during a Primary Care visit, the clinician will contact a confidential resource to discuss options before completing an exam. A Primary Care appointment is also recommended for follow up medical care after initial treatment in Urgent Care.

Urgent Care
- Student sees triage nurse to determine needs.
- Student is placed in a private room; person of student's choice can be with them for support.
- With student permission, PATH to Care Center is called and an advocate is requested to discuss options and provide initial support. Social Services is a backup resource during weekdays.

Social Services
- Student will be scheduled with a confidential counselor. Mental health counselors have no duty to report assault of an adult to campus or police due to confidentiality laws.
- The counselor will discuss options for medical care, reporting and ongoing emotional support. Some additional topics may include:
  - Academic and/or work accommodations
  - Relocation and restraining orders
  - Effects of trauma
  - Self-care plans
  - Campus and community resources

If a student does not want to complete a forensic exam or if evidence collection is inappropriate, they will have the option of an exam and treatment by Tang medical staff.

Follow-up appointments with both a social worker and medical staff will be offered.

If a student chooses to have a forensic exam* (rape kit), an advocate and the police are contacted. Police will take a statement and both police and the advocate will accompany the student to the hospital.

If a student does not want to speak with police, but still wants a forensic exam*, PATH to Care will arrange transportation to the hospital. Police still must approve the exam and will respond to either Tang or Highland Hospital to speak with staff.

If physical injury is present, medical staff are mandated to report the assault to the UC police department. If no evidence of an injury is present, clinicians will not report to UCPD unless requested by the student.

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Students who have not yet spoken to the police can expect a phone call from them offering services. The student can determine how much to share and may say they are not interested in a police response. Or the student may choose to discuss options. When a report is made, students can expect a phone call from UCPD.

Additional Information and Resources

*Authorized forensic exams are billed to the State, not the student. Fees are waived for care at the Tang Center following sexual or partner violence.
PATH to Care: (510) 642-1988 for appointments and consultations; (510) 643-2005 for 24/7 urgent support.
UC Berkeley’s Survivor Support website: survivorsupport.berkeley.edu Bay Area Women Against Rape: bawar.org