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.
- 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.

**If a student does not want to complete a forensic exam** or if evidence collection is inappropriate, they will receive a full 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 via taxi or a friend. 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 will report the assault to the UC police department.

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.

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

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

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