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Responding to Sexual Assault: What Clinicians Need to Know



OBJECTIVES:

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- 1** Describe the core principles of trauma- and violence-informed care when supporting a patient who has experienced sexual assault.
- 2** Outline the nursing role in initial assessment and safety planning, documentation, and patient support, using real case examples to illustrate best practices and common challenges
- 3** Identify key components of patient support and communication, such as consent-based care, choice, and preserving patient control.
- 4** Recognize when to involve additional services, including medical providers, forensic teams, advocacy supports, and crisis resources.
- 5** Outline key legal responsibilities and protections, including consent, reporting requirements, and recent Canadian case law that shapes clinical practice.

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