

A copy of this form must be placed in the evidence box.

NOTE: This form is to be used only when a patient reports directly to the health care provider, law enforcement has not been previously contacted, and the patient declines to report to law enforcement at this time. In addition to completing this form, the patient should also complete the "Consent for Medical-Forensic Examination - Reported Assault" form. That consent form must be sealed within the evidence box, so that the authorization to release information will not become effective unless the patient later reports the assault.

I _____ am requesting Sexual Assault Evidence Collection and I do not want to be interviewed at this time by law enforcement.

I have read and understand the following:

- A. I will not be billed for the forensic portion of the examination.
- B. The benefits of reporting to law enforcement may include:
 - 1. Law enforcement will have an opportunity to collect evidence from you, from the suspect, and from other possible crime scenes.
 - 2. Witnesses may be interviewed in a timely fashion.
 - 3. You may be eligible for Violent Crimes Compensation funds to pay for counseling and other services.
- C. The consequences of delayed reporting to law enforcement may include:
 - 1. Evidence that would normally be collected by law enforcement will be permanently lost.
 - 2. Suspects and witnesses will not be interviewed and they may not be available or cooperative later.
 - 3. Alaska law provides that an application for Violent Crimes Compensation may not be considered unless the crime is reported to police.
- D. By delaying an interview with law enforcement, it may be more difficult, if not impossible, for a prosecutor to file charges against the suspect, if you later decide to report.
- E. The evidence that is collected from you today will be preserved in a sealed container which will be identified by number only. The health care provider will not reveal your identity to law enforcement. This kit will be held at the crime laboratory and other collected evidence will be held by law enforcement. The evidence will remain sealed and untested unless and until you report the sexual assault. The evidence will be held in accordance with the evidence retention schedule of the agency that stores it.
- F. Your Authorization to Release Information will be sealed within the unidentified evidence container, and will become effective only if you decide to report the crime to law enforcement.
- G. If you decide you want to report to law enforcement you can do so by contacting:

Name/Agency

Phone Number

Victim's Signature

Date

Examiner's Initials: _____