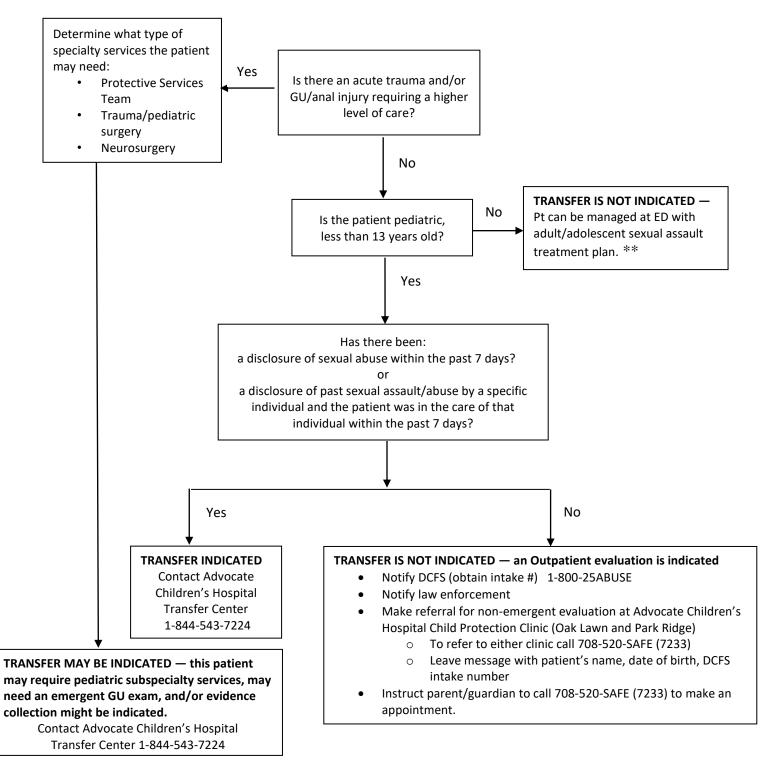


Determining the Need for Transfer of a Pediatric Sexual Assault/Abuse Survivor



**Treatment hospitals equipped to care for adult victims of sexual assault can manage adolescent victims because the medical care is the same. Avoid speculum exams in patients that are not otherwise sexually active or when the patient declines. Unnecessary transfer can lead to (1) Loss of evidence (2) Delay of time sensitive medical treatment (i.e. HIV and pregnancy prophylaxis medications) (3) Increase patient and family anxiety (4) Inappropriate utilization of resources

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