

BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCIES
B-2 / CHILD ABUSE/ELDER ABUSE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT

PRIORITIES

- ABCs
- Assess and treat as a trauma victim first; ensure a patent airway and take appropriate spinal precautions, if necessary.
- Provide emotional support for both the victim and family or friends present.
- Early transport.
- **EARLY CONTACT OF RECEIVING HOSPITAL.**

FINAL

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PATIENT TREATMENT GUIDELINES

- **OXYGEN** therapy, if indicated;
- Assess for and treat any associated injuries or illnesses per specific treatment protocols;
- Contact support groups and law enforcement. Fill out appropriate reporting forms as soon as possible.
- For sexual assault victim, discourage bathing, washing, urination/defecation or changing clothes.
- Upon arrival at the receiving hospital, inform hospital personnel of any suspicions you may have regarding abuse.

DISRUPTED COMMUNICATIONS

In the event that a Solano County EMT-P is UNABLE to make physician contact for orders, the paramedic MAY NOT utilize those areas of the protocol needing physician direction and MUST TRANSPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE CLOSEST FACILITY.