

Appendix (Student Resource Guide for Sexual Assault)

Student Support Options

If you have experienced sexual assault (including unwanted sexual contact), you have options regarding

- Medical care
- Support services
- Reporting to legal authorities and/or Campus Life
- Housing relocation (provided availability of alternative housing)
- Academic advocacy

Medical care is the first decision you need to consider because it will influence the type of exam necessary and where you will receive your medical care.

Emergency Medical Care and/or Evidence Collection

- If you think there is even a remote possibility that you will pursue legal prosecution **and** the incident occurred within the past 72 hours, we recommend that you go to the Emergency Department at Hillandale Medical Center (2801 DeKalb Medical Parkway, Lithonia, GA 30058; 404-501-8000; see Support Resources, page 15, for directions) This facility, along with its sister facility, the DeKalb Medical Center, has the most technologically advanced evidence collection capabilities, staff that specialize in medical evaluation of sexual assault cases, and the option of meeting with an advocate from the DeKalb Rape Crisis Center. Do not shower, change clothes, or douche before going to the hospital. The advocate can meet you at the Emergency Department and support you through the exam process and provide any additional support you may need through the legal system. The evidence collected will remain in storage should you decide to pursue prosecution. ***Choosing to have evidence collected does not obligate you to press charges, and, if the assault happened in Newton County, the Newton County Crime Victims Association will subsidize the cost of the exam (you will need to fill out a form to request the financial subsidy- to access form on line, go to Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council webpage, <http://cjcc.ga.gov/forms.aspx?id=150>). If the assault happened on the Atlanta campus, the DeKalb County police will subsidize the cost of the exam.***
- If you have any physical discomfort, suspected injuries, pain, bleeding or soreness, unusual discharge, cuts, or sores, it is highly recommended that

you receive initial medical evaluation at Hillandale Medical Center. Even if you do not desire evidence collection, their expertise will help you to receive the optimal level of care for your condition. *Please note, you will incur costs for medical care received at Hillandale Medical Center and you may or may not want to use your insurance to cover costs.*

- If you want testing for evidence of “date rape” drugs, **and** the assault occurred within the past 12 hours, you should go to Hillandale Medical Center. Most drugs cannot be detected after 12 hours.
- * Even if you are certain that you will not want to take any legal action against your assailant, medical attention is recommended to check for internal injuries and treat potential STDs and/or pregnancy. For clarification regarding medical issues and protocol, or for immediate 24 hours access to a trained counselor, please contact the DeKalb Rape Crisis Center (404) 377-1428).

Non-Emergency Medical Care & Follow-Up Treatment

- You also have the choice of receiving next-business- day care at the Oxford College Student Health Services. Even if you are certain that you do not want evidence collection, you still need preventive medical treatment. At Oxford College Student Health Services, you will not be seen for an examination that can be used as evidence, but you will receive medical treatment for physical consequences of the assault. Your medical care may include optional treatment for the prevention of sexually transmitted infections, HIV, **and/or** pregnancy. Pregnancy prevention is most effective if the assault occurred within the past 72 hours. To make an appointment at SHS, you may:
 - Call 770-784-8376
 - Walk in during business hours. Although there might be a wait, you will be seen
- After your first visit at Hillandale Medical Center, the Oxford College SHS is available to provide you with follow-up care. We recommend this appointment occur within 1-2 weeks of your initial appointment. Also, some students experience sleep difficulties or anxiety that interferes with their schoolwork and/or daily functioning. Students often find it helpful to discuss these symptoms with the health provider during their visit. If you have privacy concerns, you may prefer not to use your health insurance. Medical care at Student Health Services may be paid for directly by the student. *(Note: the payment plan option is the Bursar, which for most students is mailed to their parents. Students will incur charges for any necessary laboratory tests and/or medications.)*

Long-Term and Non-Medical Support Options

Oxford College Counseling and Career Services is dedicated to providing you with all the necessary information, confidential guidance, and support during this difficult process. The Counseling and Career Services is located in the East Village Residential Complex, Beta Hall. To schedule a free and confidential consultation, please contact call 770-784-8394, or walk-in during office hours and schedule an appointment. Please notify the receptionist that your situation needs urgent attention.

Reporting to Legal Authorities

- You may want to report this assault to law enforcement authorities. Wherever the incident occurred, the Emory Police at Oxford College can assist you. The Emory Police at Oxford will contact the appropriate authorities if the assault occurred outside their jurisdiction. Your report **will not** obligate you to follow through with legal action.

Filing a Report with the Office of Student Conduct

- You have the option to report this incident to Campus Life, if the reported assailant is an Oxford student. If you do so, a professional in Campus Life will be assigned to investigate your case. As this investigation proceeds, you will be advised of your rights under the Oxford Code of Conduct and you will be kept informed about the case's progress.

Receiving Emotional Support

- Many students attempt to minimize or deny their experience. This approach may make them unwilling to get necessary medical and emotional care. If you have been affected by sexual assault, please remember that Oxford College Counseling and Career Services has free and confidential services that are designed to help you process the event and work towards recovery.
- Sharing your experience with a trusted friend or fellow student can provide you with important emotional support. You may find that someone has had a similar experience and that you are not alone. However, if you do not receive the validation and support that you deserve, seek professional guidance.
- Counseling is an essential component of self-care after an unwanted sexual experience. You are encouraged to pursue help through any of the campus and/or community resources, such as Counseling and Career Services or the Student Health Service. At Student Health Services, you can see a health provider to discuss the option of medication to help you sleep or to manage anxiety or stress associated with the assault.

Preventing Future Contact with the Reported Offender

- If you live on campus, you may request a change in residence. Your request will be honored if alternative on-campus housing is available. Residential Education and Services is available to assist you in this process.
- If the reported offender is in any of your classes, you can receive help through the Office of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Support Resources

On Campus Resources:

Emory Police at Oxford	(770) 784-8377
Counseling and Career Services	(770)-784-8394
Student Health Services	(770) 784-8376
Office of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs	(770)-784-8384
Office of the Chaplain	(770) 784-8392
Office of the Dean for Campus Life	(770)784-8391
Office of Residential Education and Services	(770) 784-8383

Off Campus Resources:

Hilandale Medical Center*	(404) 501-8000
DeKalb Rape Crisis Center	
24- hour confidential crisis line	(404) 377-1428
free counseling service	(404) 377-1429
DeKalb Medical Center Emergency Department	
Ask to speak with a physician's assistant	(404) 501-5350
Help Line (confidential, student staffed, 9pm-1am)	(404) 727-HELP

*Driving Directions to Hillandale Medical Center located at 2801 DeKalb Medical Parkway, Lithonia, GA 30058: Take I-20W and Exit and Evans Mill Road, Exit #74. Turn right onto Evans Mill Rd. Turn left onto Covington Highway. Turn left onto DeKalb Medical Parkway.

Link to religious holiday calendar.

Place calendar in Faculty Handbook

http://oxford.emory.edu/life/religious_life/religious_holiday_calendar.dot

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"Be who you are and say what you feel...
Because those who matter don't mind...
And those who mind don't matter."
Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss)