

Support for You

Our team is here to help anyone affected by sexual or physical assault or abuse—not only right after it happens, but also days or weeks after.

We provide confidential care that is designed to meet each patient’s medical and emotional needs, with services based on their preferences:

- Injury care
- Crisis intervention
- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) testing and medications
- Pregnancy prevention and testing
- Safety planning
- Evidence collection (if wanted)
- Help with law enforcement agency communications
- Connections to free counseling, legal advocacy, support groups, and housing aid

During Your Visit

We will meet with you in person to discuss any questions or concerns you might have for yourself or your child. We will talk one-to-one with you to get a complete medical history and assess you or your child’s needs, which may include a physical exam.

Our nurses and advocates care for one patient at a time so you don’t feel rushed. They will also connect you with resources to continue your care. The length of the visit may vary, depending on your needs. You may contact **269.930.0005** at anytime for more information or questions.

Urgent and Emergency Care

Care is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to treat anyone affected by sexual or physical assault or abuse in all Spectrum Health Lakeland Emergency Departments:

- **Lakeland Hospital Niles**
31 North St. Joseph Avenue, Niles, MI 49120
- **Lakeland Hospital Watervliet**
400 Medical Park Drive, Watervliet, MI 49098
- **Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph**
1234 Napier Avenue, St. Joseph, MI 49085

Forensic Care & Advocacy

Contact for more information or questions.

Phone: 269.930.0005

Email: apliml1@lakelandhealth.org.

Fax: 269.683.2337

Forensic Care & Advocacy

*Care for Survivors of
Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence,
Child and Vulnerable Adult Abuse,
and Human Trafficking*

What is Forensic Care & Advocacy?

Forensic Care & Advocacy at Spectrum Health Lakeland has been providing specialized medical evaluations since 2009.

Our team of forensic nurses, certified sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE), and advocates provide care for patients of all ages and offer crisis intervention and emotional support, continual advocacy, legal advocacy, and counseling.

Help is Here

We provide care for anyone who has experienced:

- Sexual or physical assault or abuse
- Intimate partner violence
- Human trafficking
- Child abuse
- Vulnerable adult abuse

If you or a loved one has been sexually or physically assaulted, you are not alone. Our team is available for assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week in all Spectrum Health Lakeland Emergency Departments or by phone anytime at **269.930.0005**.

Care for Violence and Abuse

Our team is specially trained to provide care in a safe, non-judgmental setting. If you have experienced intimate partner violence, child abuse, vulnerable adult abuse or human trafficking, our forensic nurse examiner team is here to provide complete emotional, physical, and psychological care.

Sexual Assault Care

It is very important to get a medical forensic exam after a sexual assault even if you do not want to talk to the police. Our sexual assault nurse examiners can provide many free services to help you begin healing.

If it has been more than five days since a sexual assault and you do not have injuries that need immediate care, you can make a non-urgent appointment at the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Michigan. These appointments are available for individuals of all ages by calling **269.687.1863**.

If you have injuries and need immediate care; call 9-1-1 or visit the nearest emergency department.

Non-Urgent Care

Free follow up care for sexual and physical abuse is available by appointment at the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Michigan.

Appointments are available for patients who were sexually assaulted more than five days ago and can be scheduled by calling **269.687.1863**.

All services are free of charge and include:

- A complete medical forensic evaluation
- STI and pregnancy testing and support
- Follow-up care for sexual or physical abuse patients that have been seen in the Emergency Department
- Help with law enforcement agency communications
- Counseling and legal advocacy

The Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Michigan is located at

4938 South Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085
(The building with the green roof on M-139)

For more information call **269.687.1863** or visit swmichigancac.org