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Performance of Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations by RANZCOG Trainees

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) curriculum states in Section 5.2 (*Diagnostic and Therapeutic Skills – Gynaecology*) that by the time he/she completes training an O&G specialist must

- Understand the examination and management of the female victim of sexual assault;
- Recognise common indicators that a patient has suffered sexual assault;
- Respond appropriately to a patient who disclosed sexual assault;
- Provide appropriate counselling and referrals to a victim of sexual assault.

Hospitals must be aware that:

1. RANZCOG Trainees should not be expected to perform sexual assault forensic examinations.
2. Hospitals and/or the relevant authority providing the sexual assault examination/support service must ensure that there is a separate roster for this service and that formally trained Trainees are remunerated accordingly, in accordance with the applicable local award and conditions of service. Trainees should not be expected to cover this service when on-call in addition to their other duties in the birthing suite and/or emergency gynaecology.

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The statement has been prepared having regard to general circumstances. It is the responsibility of each Practitioner to have regard to the particular circumstances of each case, and the application of this statement in each case. In particular, clinical management must always be responsive to the needs of the individual patient and the particular circumstances of each case.

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