Disclosure of sexual assault

Assess safety and any serious injuries – refer to police/emergency department as needed

Discuss option of attending sexual assault service for forensic medical examination

Give emergency contraception (if needed)

Facilitate referral to sexual assault service for medical, forensic and psychosocial care

Assess patient’s needs for STI testing/treatment, injury management, psychosocial support

Provide follow-up care in community: follow up STI testing, pregnancy testing, referral for counselling

Provide medico-legal report based on original notes if requested by police, with the consent of the patient

Figure 1. Flowchart to describe the options for care following a disclosure of sexual assault

STI, sexually transmissible infection