

Medical Response to GBV Cases: Scenarios

Read the scenario and discuss what you would do and why.

You are on duty at night and hear people yelling outside. You go to see what is happening. Someone rushes up to you and tells you a girl has been raped. Her family is there crying out that their daughter has been ruined. A large crowd is gathering to see what the problem is.

What is the first thing you do?

Who do you contact?

Who do you allow in the exam room?

What do you say to the survivor?

What do you include in the exam?

What medications do you prescribe?

Afterwards, the parents ask you what they should do to help the girl. What do you say?

The next day the camp Chairman comes to see you. He says he knows that there was a rape and that he needs to know about it because it is his responsibility to keep the camp safe. He asks you the name of the survivor and how to contact her. What do you say?

The survivor goes to BCR with her case. They come to you and ask you to confirm that she was actually raped. What do you say?

Read the story, and discuss what the doctor did well, and what he should have done differently.

It has been a very busy day. At 5 pm, Dr. Diallo is about to leave when a Caseworker comes to him and tells him there is a woman who needs his help. The woman was raped two days ago, and now she thinks she has an STI. Dr Diallo agrees to see the woman at 8 am the next day. When she comes, he asks her how the rape occurred. She explains that she was on her way to a bar to meet a friend. She was all alone and a man came up behind her. He grabbed her arms very tightly so she couldn't move. He threw her to the ground, and when she tried to escape, he hit her and raped her. Dr. Diallo asks the woman if he may do a gynecological exam. She consents. After the exam, Dr. Diallo gives the woman a prescription for STI medication. He also warns her that she should be more careful next time. He tells her that he is sorry for what happened to her, but she was stupid to go out at night by herself. He also reminds her that when women dress up to go out they are tempting men and the men can't really be blamed for wanting sex with them.