

The Embrace Clinic

As a part of the Forensic Nursing Service, Embrace Clinic provides confidential medical care to people who have experienced recent violence.

Services include:

- Specialized medical care for survivors of interpersonal violence
- Follow-up medical care for people seen by Forensic Nursing Service
- Care assessment and follow-up of injuries
- Screening and treatment for STIs
- Rapid HIV testing
- Emergency Contraception, pregnancy tests, birth control and IUD insertions
- Prescriptions (no narcotics or benzodiazepines)
- Referrals

Call, text or email for a same day or next day appointment (weekdays).

Text/Phone: 604-807-5406

Email: EmbraceClinic@fraserhealth.ca

Forensic Nursing Service

If you have any questions about our services, contact us by phone or email

Abbotsford Regional Hospital

Phone: 604-851-4700 ext. 646147

Fax: 604-851-4927

ForensicNursingService@fraserhealth.ca

Surrey Memorial Hospital

Phone: 604-953-4723

Fax: 604-953-4724

ForensicNursingService@fraserhealth.ca

**If you need urgent care
please go to your nearest
Emergency Department.**

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Responding to Violence

**We can help
any time, any day**

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This information does not replace the advice given
to you by your healthcare provider.

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To order: patienteduc@fraserhealth.ca



Have you recently...

- Been hit, hurt or threatened by someone else?
- Felt unsafe because of someone else?
- Felt controlled, humiliated or isolated by someone else?
- Had your money or legal documents controlled by someone else?
- Been made to do something sexual you didn't want to do?
- Felt unsafe at home or school?
- Woken up and not known what has happened to you?

We can help.

Forensic Nursing is...

The health care response to crime, violence and trauma. Forensic Nurse Examiners are specially trained nurses who provide care to people who have experienced sexual assault and other forms of intentional interpersonal violence. We work together with other community services to offer medical, emotional, social, and legal options.

Who do we see?

People of **all genders**, aged **2 years and older** who have experienced intentional interpersonal violence within the past 7 days.

What does intentional interpersonal violence mean?

It may include, but is not limited to:

- Sexual assault, dating violence, drug facilitated sexual assault
- Child abuse, assault, neglect, maltreatment
- Domestic violence, interpersonal violence, relational violence
- Human trafficking and exploitation
- Elder abuse

How to access our services:

- Go to any Emergency Department in Fraser Health to make sure any immediate health and medical needs are met.
- A referral to the Forensic Nursing Service can be started at any Fraser Health site.
- Forensic Nursing care is provided at Abbotsford Regional Hospital or Surrey Memorial Hospital.

The Forensic Nurse:

- ✓ Meets with you in a safe and private space
- ✓ Takes time to talk about your personal needs and rights
- ✓ Treats you respectfully and compassionately

Services offered:

- Treat your injuries and give you any medications you need.
- Collect forensic samples * that can be either:
 - given directly to police if you choose to report the incident to police
 - stored for up to one year if you can't decide about reporting the incident to police
- Refer you to other services and give you follow-up resources.

*If you think you would like to be examined, it is best if you do not eat, drink, shower, brush your teeth, change your clothes, or use the toilet until you speak with a Forensic Nurse. These activities might destroy potential forensic evidence. Even if you have done any or all of these things it is still okay to come in for a medical forensic examination.