

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT CARE CENTRE (DVSACC)

Lakeridge Health's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Care Centre (DVSACC) provides compassionate, confidential services to those who have experienced domestic violence and/or sexual assault. We are available 24/7, and our services include those provided by our forensic nurse examiners and our outpatient social worker psychotherapists.



OUR SERVICES

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Physical examination following a sexual and/or physical assault
- Prophylaxis and treatment of STIs including HIV
- Emergency contraception
- Documentation and forensic photography of injuries
- Forensic evidence collection
- Risk assessment
- Safety Planning
- Crisis Support
- Counselling services
- Access and referral to community partners

ELIGIBILITY

Nurses in DVSACC are available at Lakeridge Health Oshawa to respond to:

- Individuals (16 years and older) who have been assaulted by a partner or spouse within the last year
- Adults and adolescents who have experienced a sexual assault within the last year
- Children who have been, or are suspected to have been, sexually assaulted/sexually exploited in the past 7 days.
- ALL individuals must disclose an assault and consent to a DVSACC referral

REFERRAL PROCESS

- Individuals can self-present to the Oshawa Emergency Department (ED) from 07:00–23:00 and ask to speak with DVSACC
- HCPs can refer patients by calling the clinic or sending patients directly to the LHO ED, 7 days a week, between 07:00–23:00.
- Patients or providers can call the clinic at ext. 33286 to book an appointment

FOR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

- Individuals who have experienced a domestic or sexual assault within the last 12 days, should be advised to present to the Oshawa ED as soon as possible
- Services are *confidential* and notes will not be shared unless requested by the patient
- Please contact the clinic with any questions

PATIENT RESOURCES

- [Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres](#)
- [Durham Region Police Services](#)
- [Safety Network Durham](#)
- [Victim Services of Durham Region](#)
- [Durham Region Human Trafficking Coalition](#)



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