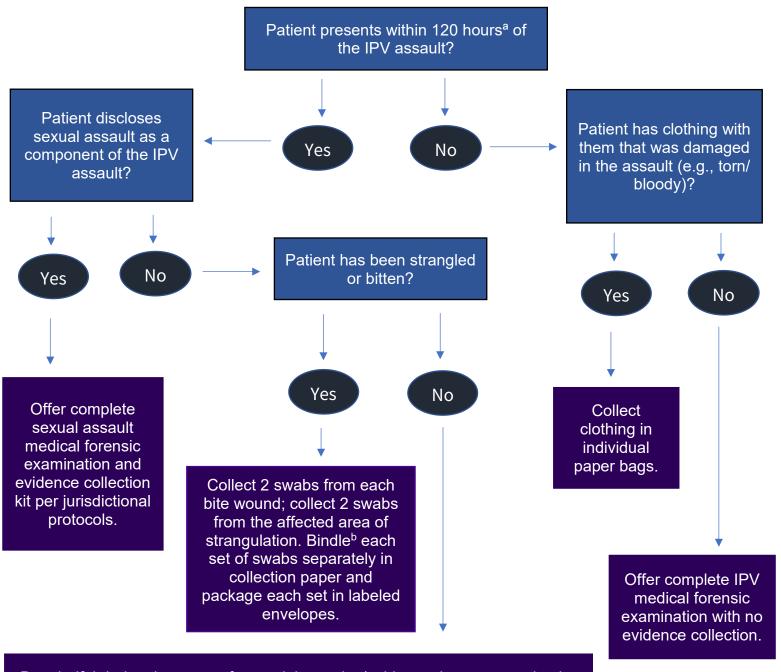
Appendix G - Flowchart for Sample/Evidence Collection



Be mindful during the exam of potential samples/evidence that may need to be collected, including torn or blood clothing, swabs of nails from defensive injures or other items per patient's history. Collect clothing in individual paper bags; dry swabs, bindle in collection paper when dry, and package in individual, labeled envelopes.

- a. The *National Best Practice for Sexual Assault Kits: A Multidisciplinary Approach* informs that samples/evidence should be collected up to 120 hours or longer after the assault and is considered best practices recommendations. Where jurisdictional protocols differ, please adhere to jurisdictional protocols (<u>National Institute of Justice, 2017</u>).
- b. **Bindle:** (also referred to as bindle paper) Clean paper folded to use to contain trace evidence (National Institute of Justice, 2009)