

Victim Photographs

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States are listed as a reference; not as a statewide perspective.

Issue: Is it customary to take a photo of the victim/patient for identification purposes to keep with the patient chart?

Alaska

- We take a fully clothed full body shot, front and back; and a close up of face and profiles for our records.

Michigan

- We take photos in our program

Oregon (Lincoln County)

- We only take pictures if there is just cause (i.e. bruises, cuts, abrasions, etc)
- Photos are taken as evidence related to sexual assault
- When needed, we take pictures of the victim's face and submit them to law enforcement and district attorney.

Texas (San Antonio)

- One of the hospitals takes pictures because it helps the SANE remember the patient months or years later