

Sexual Abuse in Healthcare

A Guide for Patients

*For help, resources,
& information*

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Bioethics Research Center
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*A free online resource to
help you...*

▶ **Understand Sexual Misconduct in Healthcare**

Sexual abuse can happen to anyone, and it is never a patient's fault

▶ **Use a Chaperone**

Discover how to request a chaperone at your next appointment or serve as a chaperone for a loved one

▶ **Respond to Misconduct**

Find out where to turn if you suspect you or a loved one has been a victim of sexual misconduct by a healthcare provider

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Testimonials

"[Sexual abuse by medical professionals] was an issue that I hadn't really thought about that much before— but it seems like a really good idea to have resources out there."

—Claire, age 29

"It's important for patients just to know what their rights are, to know what their options are and that it is an issue, whether we like it or not."

—Debra, age 60

"Because there's examples, I think that [the readers] will actually be able to identify what is inappropriate. They may even be able to see things that are not even an example on there, but they'll be able to recognize...I think it does a great job."

—Jessica, age 30