

NON-FATAL STRANGULATION CLINICAL EVALUATION

The following content is recommended as components of the clinical evaluation.

Medical History

- Primary care physician
- Allergies
- Medical/Surgical history
- Pregnancy - LMP, live births, miscarriages, abortions
- Prior hospitalizations
- Smoking/Alcohol/Drug use
- Medications, including supplements/herbs

Social History

- Employed
- Lives with
- Children (biological patient/suspect)
- Past history of sexual or physical abuse, domestic violence

Review of Systems

Physical Examination

- Appearance
- Eye contact
- Speech
- Responsiveness to clinician
- Nonverbal/Oral expression
- Facial expression
- Body posture and/or muscular tension
- Behaviors and actions
- Appearance of clothing
- Subjective complaints
- Any pain/Bleeding before, during, or after event
- Pre-existing complaints of pain, injury, or skin conditions

Forensic Medical Photography - Digital and/or colposcope (with and without ruler/scale)

- Full body
- Close-up
- Face
- Head/Scalp
- Neck
- Chest
- Mouth
- Eyes
- Mannequin demonstration
- Other injuries (i.e., defensive)

Danger Assessment

Medical Evaluation/Radiology Studies (as indicated by medical provider)

- Pulse oximetry
- Chest X-ray
- Soft tissue of the neck X-ray
- CT of the neck with and/or without contrast
- CT angiogram of carotid/vertebral arteries
- MRI of the neck

- MRA of the neck
- MRI/MRA of the brain