

**NC Emergency Care for
Sexual Assault Survivors
Areas of Concern**



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<i>County</i>	<i>Hospital</i>	<i>Provide EC on-site</i>	<i>Provide a prescription</i>	<i>Refer to another provider</i>	<i>Pharmacy Access to EC</i>
Beaufort	Pungo District Hospital Corporation	No	No	Yes	Yes

What does this mean for the rape victim?

These hospitals do not dispense Emergency Contraception (EC) or provide a prescription for EC on site to rape victims. These hospitals will refer her to another provider. In the event that she can obtain a prescription from this provider, there are pharmacies in her area that regularly stock EC.

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Chowan	Chowan Hospital	No	Yes	No	Yes
Harnett	Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital	No	Yes	No	Yes
Iredell	Davis Regional Medical Center	No	Yes	No	Yes

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Cherokee	Murphy Medical Center, Inc.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cleveland	Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Henderson	Park Ridge Hospital	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
McDowell	The McDowell Hospital	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Transylvania	Transylvania Community Hospital, Inc.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Swain	Swain County Hospital	No	Yes	No	No

What does this mean for the rape victim?

This hospital does not dispense Emergency Contraception (EC) to rape victims. They do provide rape victims with a prescription for EC. Unfortunately, there are no local pharmacies that stock EC. The rape victim will need transportation to the nearest pharmacy—in another city or county—that stocks EC.

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Columbus	Columbus County Hospital	*Yes			No
Johnston	Johnston Memorial Hospital	*Yes			Yes
Iredell	Lake Norman Regional Medical Center	*Yes			Yes
Lenoir	Lenoir Memorial Hospital, Inc.	*Yes			*Yes
Craven	Naval Hospital - Cherry Point	*Yes			No
New Hanover	New Hanover Regional Medical Center	*Yes			Yes
Pender	Pender Memorial Hospital	*Yes			Yes
Pitt	Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Inc.	*Yes			Yes
Watauga	Watauga Medical Center	*Yes			Yes

What does this mean for the rape victim?

The hospital will dispense Emergency Contraception (EC) if the doctor on duty at the time has no personal objections. The hospital allows doctors to refuse to write a prescription for EC if he or she personally opposes this birth control method.

*In the event that she can obtain a prescription from the other provider, there are no pharmacies in her area that regularly stock EC; however, there are pharmacists in the area that will order EC.

It should be noted that EC is a time-sensitive birth control method: the earlier the woman takes it after unprotected intercourse, the more effective it is in preventing pregnancy.

The following hospitals dispense EC on site, but did not answer the following question: "Are there any exceptions to your policy based on the refusal of the provider on duty to dispense medication?":

Ashe Memorial Hospital, Carteret County General Hospital, Good Hope Hospital, Spruce Pine Community Hospital, Valdese General Hospital, Wilkes Regional Medical Center.

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital transfers sexual assault survivors to Angel Medical Center.

The following hospitals did not return a survey, and therefore their policies for dispensing EC are unknown:

Caldwell Memorial Hospital, Inc.; Carolina Medical Center – Mercy; Central Carolina Hospital; Charles A. Cannon, Jr. Memorial Hospital; Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center - Fayetteville; Harris Regional Hospital; Haywood Regional Medical Center; Medical Park Hospital; Northern Hospital of Surry County; WakeMed Western Wake Medical Center; Womack Army Medical Center

The information on pharmacies is based on a working database maintained and used by Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina's emergency contraception (EC) hotline, Dial EC. Data may not reflect pharmacies that have opened since February 2001 and may not reflect pharmacies that have started stocking emergency contraception since summer 2003.

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