

ANNEXURE C

POSSIBLE SAMPLES TO BE TAKEN FROM THE VICTIM

Please note that this table should only be used as a guideline, and that it remains the responsibility of the investigating officer to ensure that all the necessary samples are taken. The health care professional may be requested to take one or all of the following samples from the victim:

Sample	Description
Swab (posterior fornix) Glass smear of swab Anal, vaginal or oral swabs or smear where applicable	Swab must be air dried. Crime Kit 1 or 3 Swab must be rolled over glass slides. Do not use fixative and do not put slides on top of each other. Anal, oral or vaginal swabs and smears where applicable (it must be dry before being placed in tube)
Hair exhibit (foreign hair, not that of victim)	These must be combed from the victim's pubic area. Place the hairs in a soft paper envelope. Crime Kit 4
Control hair samples from the victim's head and pubic area	A minimum of 20 hairs are required. These must be pulled from different places on the victim's head. (Root of hair must be included) These hairs are required from different places on the head as there may be length and colour differences. Crime Kit 4 They must not be cut from the victim. Place the hairs in a soft paper envelope.
Nail scrapings	Scrapings from under the nails of the victim if he or she has scratched the suspect (only if blood was drawn). Crime Kit 1

Additional samples required

Where groupings and comparisons are required, the following additional samples must be taken:

Sample	Description
A control blood sample of the victim	All the suspects and all other parties with whom the victim has had intercourse within 72 hours (3 days) before the reported incident must be gathered and a blood sample from each is to be taken. Questions concerning parties with whom victim has had sexual intercourse must be posed sensitively and must be asked in private. Control blood samples must be in a fluid form, as well as one coagulated blood sample (red-brown plug), and one EDTA blood sample (purple plug). Crime Kit 2
DNA	If DNA analysis is required details can be obtained from the Forensic Science Laboratory which will offer guidance in this regard.

The health care professional may also need to take an alcohol sample and /or collect body fluid.

A blood-alcohol kit must be used for this purpose and be sent to the Department of Health. Advice on contraceptive counselling may be given on request.

In the event of any uncertainty regarding the gathering, packaging and transportation of samples, the investigating officer should contact the Forensic Science Laboratory without delay.