

## **14B NCAC 19A .0102 DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Chapter:

- (1) "Covered entity" means an agency, medical facility, or medical professional, person, or entity subject to the System tracking requirements.
- (2) "Director" means the Director of the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory.
- (3) "Forensic laboratory" means a person, agency, or department that takes custody of a sexual assault evidence collection kit for purposes of conducting forensic testing.
- (4) "Forensic medical examination" means an examination provided to a sexual assault victim by medical personnel trained to gather evidence of a sexual assault in a manner suitable for use in a court of law and includes collection and evaluation of physical evidence.
- (5) "Kit" or "sexual assault evidence collection kit" means a prepared kit used to conduct a forensic medical examination.
- (6) "Law enforcement agency" means any police department, sheriff's office, campus police department, or any other person, agency, or department investigating a reported sexual assault for which a sexual assault evidence collection kit has been utilized by a medical service provider or that is taking possession of or storing an unreported or anonymous sexual assault evidence collection kit.
- (7) "Medical service provider" means a medical facility or medical professional in the State who administers a forensic medical examination using a sexual assault evidence collection kit.
- (8) "Previously untested kit" means a sexual assault evidence collection kit used in a forensic medical examination that has not undergone forensic testing and was identified and included in the 2017 Statewide inventory.
- (9) "Statewide System Administrator" means an employee of the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory who has responsibility for the overall administrative functions of the System, including providing assistance to covered entities, training all covered entities, making corrections in the system, and generating data reports for the Director's annual tracking report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety.
- (10) "System" means Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Tracking and Inventory Management System (STIMS).
- (11) "System guidelines" means the guidelines published by the Director of the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory for use by covered entities.

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