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## Introduction

A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) is a Registered Nurse who has been specially trained to provide trauma-informed medical care to sexual assault victims, including forensic collection of evidence.

Program Mission: Coordinate the resources and provide support for healthcare professionals across the state in order to:

- Provide immediate, compassionate, culturally sensitive, and comprehensive forensic evaluation and treatment by trained, professional medical experts.
- Maximize the probability of collecting and preserving the physical evidence of an assault for potential use in the legal system.
- Avoid further trauma to all sexual assault survivors in the health care environment.

## Clinical Skills Training

Our bi-annual Clinical Skills Labs (CSL) are designed to provide clinical practice to medical professionals who are new to sexual assault medical forensic examinations. Rural participants receive travel reimbursements including hotel stay.

Curriculum includes:

- ✓ Obtaining medical history
- ✓ Legal consideration
- ✓ Evidence collection
- ✓ Forensic photography
- ✓ Developing a plan of care
- ✓ Discharge/safety planning
- ✓ CDC's STI treatment
- ✓ Case scenarios
- ✓ Performing a minimum of 4 pelvic exams on live models



## Resources & Education

### *Listserv*

Maintain a roster of nurses and other medical providers to receive information about local & national training opportunities, current best practices, and legislative changes.

### *Website Portal*

- Consolidated calendar of training opportunities
- Access to prior webinar trainings
- Local and national resources
- Updated kit documentation forms
- Contact information

### *Quarterly Education*

Content may include education such as:

- General overview of pediatric and adult/adolescent kits
- Courtroom Training
- Multi-disciplinary training
- Strangulation
- Cultural considerations
- Crime Lab information
- Intersections of sexual violence (disabilities, domestic violence, human trafficking)

## Steering Committee

Meets bi-monthly to provide ongoing guidance for the program and for the state.

- Review grant progress & suggest actions
- Finalize calendar of training activities
- Update SANE website portal
- Discuss challenges and best practice opportunities
- Review/suggest legislation relevant to SANE work
- Review kit contents and documentation forms

## Technical Assistance (TA)

### *Acute TA*

24/7 technical assistance will be available by phone for all medical facilities in the state when caring or patients who report sexual violence. The phone lines will be covered by experienced medical forensic examiners who will answer questions regarding various topics on the care of this patient population.

### *Non-Acute TA*

Non-acute TA is now being provided through site visits from our SANE-Certified partners at Avera Health and Sanford Health. The two main goals of these site visits:

1. Better understand the challenges faced by rural healthcare facilities.
2. Provide hospitals with tips on processes, protocols, and trainings.

## University Curriculum

Efforts are in place to have forensic nursing curriculum embedded into academic nursing programs. This has been successfully implemented with USD's Nursing Program (BSN and RN-BSN).

The goal is to expand these efforts by partnering with one additional nursing program in the state by the end of the grant period.

## Partners

- SD Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault
- Child's Voice at Sanford Health
- SD Department of Health
- International Association of Forensic Nurses
- Tribal Forensic Healthcare
- Statewide Sexual Assault Task Force
- SD Division of Criminal Investigation
- SD State's Attorney
- SANE Learning Collaborative
- SANE Task Force
- Avera Health/e-SANE
- Sanford Health
- Monument Health
- Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grant
- The Sexual Assault Forensic-Medical and Advocacy Services for Tribes (FAST) Initiative
- SD State Legislators
- Advocacy organizations
- Hennepin County, MN Train to Retain: SANE Expansion in the Upper Midwest
- Parry Center for Clinical Skills and Simulation
- University of South Dakota - Nursing Department
- Trainers from: Coteau Health Care System Hospital, Brookings Health System, Avera Health, Sanford Health, Monument Health

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