



Resources for expanding services

SANE programs might choose to add other patient populations in addition to sexual assault survivors, but should only do so slowly and with intention once the program is stable and sustainable (financially, collaboratively and from a staffing standpoint). How you decide what services to add, and in what order, can be decided based on clinical factors, such as emergency department census and billing and coding information, or it can be decided based on a more formal assessment of community needs.

Regardless, programs want to be careful they don't add too many patient populations at once and should ensure that resources match the prospective influx of patients. Keep in mind that a program that has just enough staff to care for all of the sexual assault patients coming in will be hard-pressed to manage a patient load that could double or triple (or more) depending on the expansion plan. Staff will need additional didactic and clinical education to be able to appropriately care for other types of patients. Not all forensic patients are alike; they will have some issues unique to the type of violence or relationship of the assailant to the victim. Programs that have an eye toward expansion should prepare well in advance by attending to the expanded education of their clinical team.



See the *Program Expansion Worksheet* in this section for help assessing your readiness and need for expansion.

Paying for expanded practice also is an issue that must be thoroughly examined. Unlike sexual assault, which has a built-in criminal justice reimbursement process, other types of interpersonal violence do not. Programs will need to identify sources of funding to cover the cost of these patients. Billing for services is one viable way; others might choose to pursue additional funds through grants or fundraising efforts.



See *billing and fundraising tools* in the *Funding* section.

Programs should not assume that their organizations will absorb these costs. Even if that is the initial plan, for the sake of sustainability, additional funding sources must be identified. Whatever the pathway, this is another aspect of practice that must be addressed before expanded practice actually occurs.

Program Expansion Resources: Intimate Partner Violence

Intimate Partner Violence Education Guidelines

http://iafn.org/associations/8556/files/Intimate%20Partner%20Violence%20Nurse%20Educational%20Guidelines%20FINAL_web%20version.pdf



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Intimate Partner Violence Clinical Guide

<http://www.forensichealth.com/2014/02/19/intimate-partner-violence-clinical-guide/>

Strangulation

Clinical Guide: Strangulation and DV

<http://www.forensichealth.com/2009/08/13/clinical-guide-strangulation-and-dv/>

Strangulation Training Institute

<http://www.strangulationtraininginstitute.com/index.php/what-we-do.html>

Documentation Forms

<http://www.strangulationtraininginstitute.com/library/viewcategory/837-documentation-forms.html>

Child Maltreatment

Clinical Guide: Adverse Childhood Experiences

<http://www.forensichealth.com/2011/06/14/clinical-guide-adverse-childhood-experiences/>

A Coordinated Response to Child Abuse and Neglect: The Foundation for Practice

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/foundation/index.cfm>

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network Learning Center for Child and Adolescent Trauma

<http://learn.nctsn.org/>

The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Practice Guidelines

<http://www.apsac.org/practice-guidelines>

The American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Child Abuse and Neglect

<http://www2.aap.org/sections/childabuseneglect/>

Elder Abuse and Neglect

Sexual Violence in Later Life: A Technical Assistance Guide for Health Care Providers

http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications_nsvrc_guides_sexual-violence-in-later-life_health-care-providers.pdf



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Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect

<http://www.centeronelderabuse.org/>

Creating an Elder Abuse Forensic Center: Tools for Your Community

http://www.centeronelderabuse.org/E AFC_manual.asp

Red Flags of Elder Abuse: History and Interview (VIDEO; sign in required)

<https://secure.quantiamd.com/player/yamzjuydr?cid=1465>

Human Trafficking

Health Care Professionals Assessment Tools

<http://www.polarisproject.org/resources/tools-for-service-providers-and-law-enforcement>

Forensic medical examination of victims of trafficking in human beings

http://www.irct.org/files/filer/torturejournal/17_2_2007/art_05.pdf

Medical Treatment of Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence and Its Applicability to Victims of Human Trafficking

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/07/humantrafficking/sa-dv/index.pdf>

Health Care Providers' Training Needs Related to Human Trafficking: Maximizing the Opportunity to Effectively Screen and Intervene

<http://digitalcommons.library.tmc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1029&context=childrenatrisk>

General Interpersonal Violence

Caring for the forensic population: recognizing the educational needs of emergency department nurses and physicians

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23176357>

Forensic Injury Assessment & Documentation using BALD STEP

<http://snellconsulting.org/forensic/BALDSTEP-instructions.pdf>

EPs Should Continue to Improve Forensic Skills

<http://www.acepnow.com/article/eps-continue-improve-forensic-skills/>



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Clinical Guide: Determining the Age of Bruises

<http://www.forensichealth.com/2012/04/24/clinical-guide-determining-the-age-of-bruises/>

Clinical Guide: Bite Wounds

<http://www.forensichealth.com/2013/02/12/clinical-guides-bite-wounds/>

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