







“Quality” Care after sexual assault:
 Fact or Fiction?
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WHY are you here?

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After completing this training, you'll be able to:

- Recognize the obligation of healthcare facilities to provide care to survivors of sexual assault
- List the standards that define the survivor's healthcare needs after sexual assault
- Employ tools and practice crafting your argument for the *best* healthcare response for survivors living in your community

Objectives

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What To Do If You're Denied A Rape Kit, According To Experts & Advocates

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Healthcare's Duty of Care

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EMTALA

- Emergency Medical Treatment and labor Act
- Ensure access to emergency care regardless of ability to pay
- Medical Screening Exam (MSE) on all patients requesting care
- Emergency Medical Conditions (EMC) require stabilization or transfer if hospital unable.


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- Hospital Based Programs
- Community Based Programs
- Mobile type programs
- Other Options?

Medical Forensic Care Options



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Discussion: What are the standards that define the survivor's health needs after sexual Assault?

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U.S. National protocols for responding to sexual assault/abuse



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Standards that define the survivor's healthcare needs after a sexual assault?


- U.S. Department of Justice's National SAFE Training Standards
- World Health Organization-Medicolegal care of the sexual assault victim
- Office of Victims of Crime-SANE Development Guide

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Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)
 EDUCATION GUIDELINES



- American College of Emergency Physician's sexual Assault e-book
- International Association of Forensic Nurses SANE Education Guidelines
- CDC Sexually transmitted infection guidelines

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Are survivors in your community receiving the standard of care needed?

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Quality Assurance

- Medical Director
- Trained Examiners
- Peer review
 - Forensic Nursing Team
 - Community partners
- SART case review



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Post Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV exposure

- Risk assessment and screening
- Initiating nPEP
- Access
- Cost
- Referral
- Follow Up

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STI and Pediatric Population

- Testing rather than prophylaxis
- Use of most sensitive and specific testing source
- STI's can be diagnostic of sexual abuse in prepubescent patient
- Vaccination

| ST/SA confirmed | Evidence for sexual abuse |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gonorrhea* | Diagnostic |
| Syphilis* | Diagnostic |
| HIV ³ | Diagnostic |
| Chlamydia trachomatis* | Diagnostic |

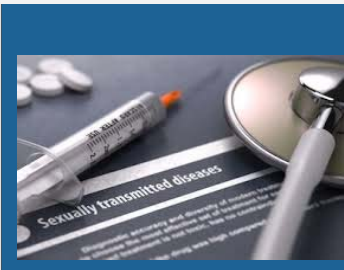
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Other STI's


- Adolescent Adult prophylaxis
- Expedited Partner Therapy
- Vaccination
- Testing



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Development of a protocol requires at least one person who has the authority to move the process forward. Who has the authority?

- Advocacy Agency, Executive director
- Systems based advocacy
- School administrator
- Licensed social worker
- Public Health Department
- Behavior health organization
- EMS
- Law Enforcement



Champions

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Healthcare champions


- Emergency department director
- Hospital administrator
- Nursing director
- Emergency Department Nurse Manager
- Security Department
- Laboratory
- Pharmacy
- Holistic Nurses
- Pastoral Care

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What can you use to "craft the argument" for the best response for survivors?



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NSVRC SART TOOLKIT
national sexual violence resource center Sexual Assault Response Team Toolkit

SARTs can use the Toolkit

- To maintain momentum
- To learn more about a specific topic
- When there is a pressing need
- To find agenda topics
- To connect with experts

SAFEta.org The Ultimate Source for Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Technical Assistance

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SAMPLE FORMS FOR SANE PROGRAMS AND SARTs

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OTHER National Resources

- Tribal Forensic Healthcare
- OVCTTAC
- NHTTAC
- National Children's Alliance
- FORGE
- VERA
- PREA Resource Center

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State resources

- Coalitions
- Attorney General Office
- State Board of Nursing

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