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No SANE in Sight: An Intro to a Training for All Clinicians

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Learning Outcome

Attendees of this presentation will be introduced to a new, comprehensive training that was developed based off the Appendix C: Minimum Training Recommendations of the National Training Standards, 2nd ed.



Poll Question

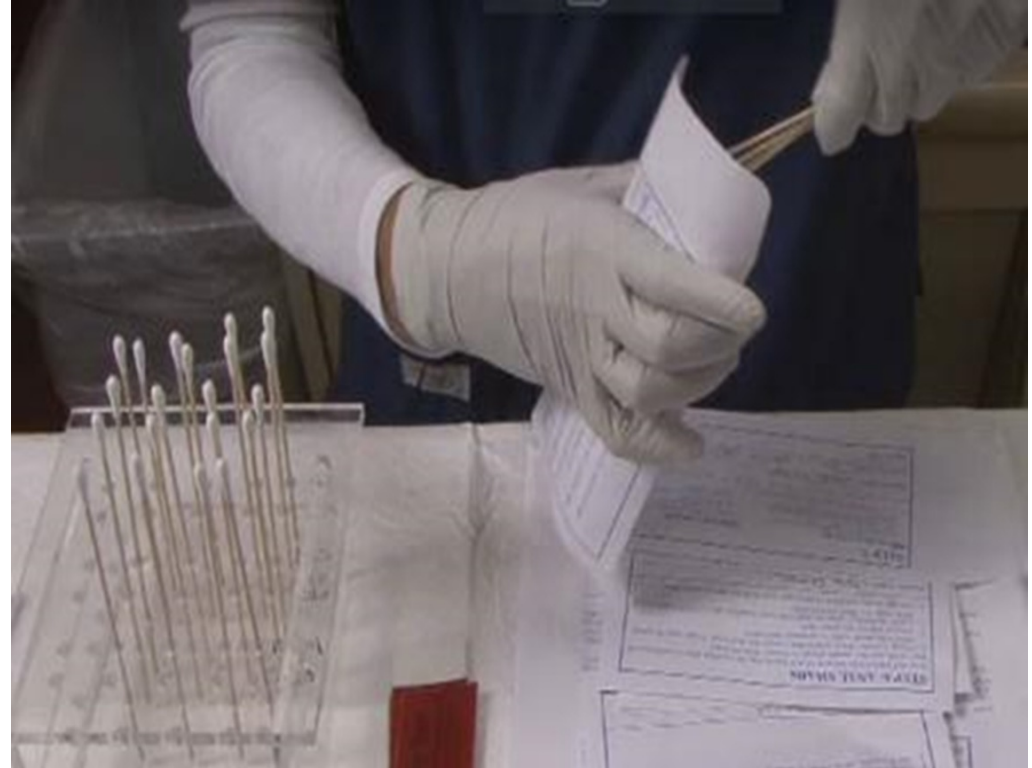


True or False:

There are still many healthcare systems and communities that do not have access to SANE trained clinicians?

Poll Question

Do you have any colleagues who have had to conduct a Medical Forensic Examination with no training or guidance?



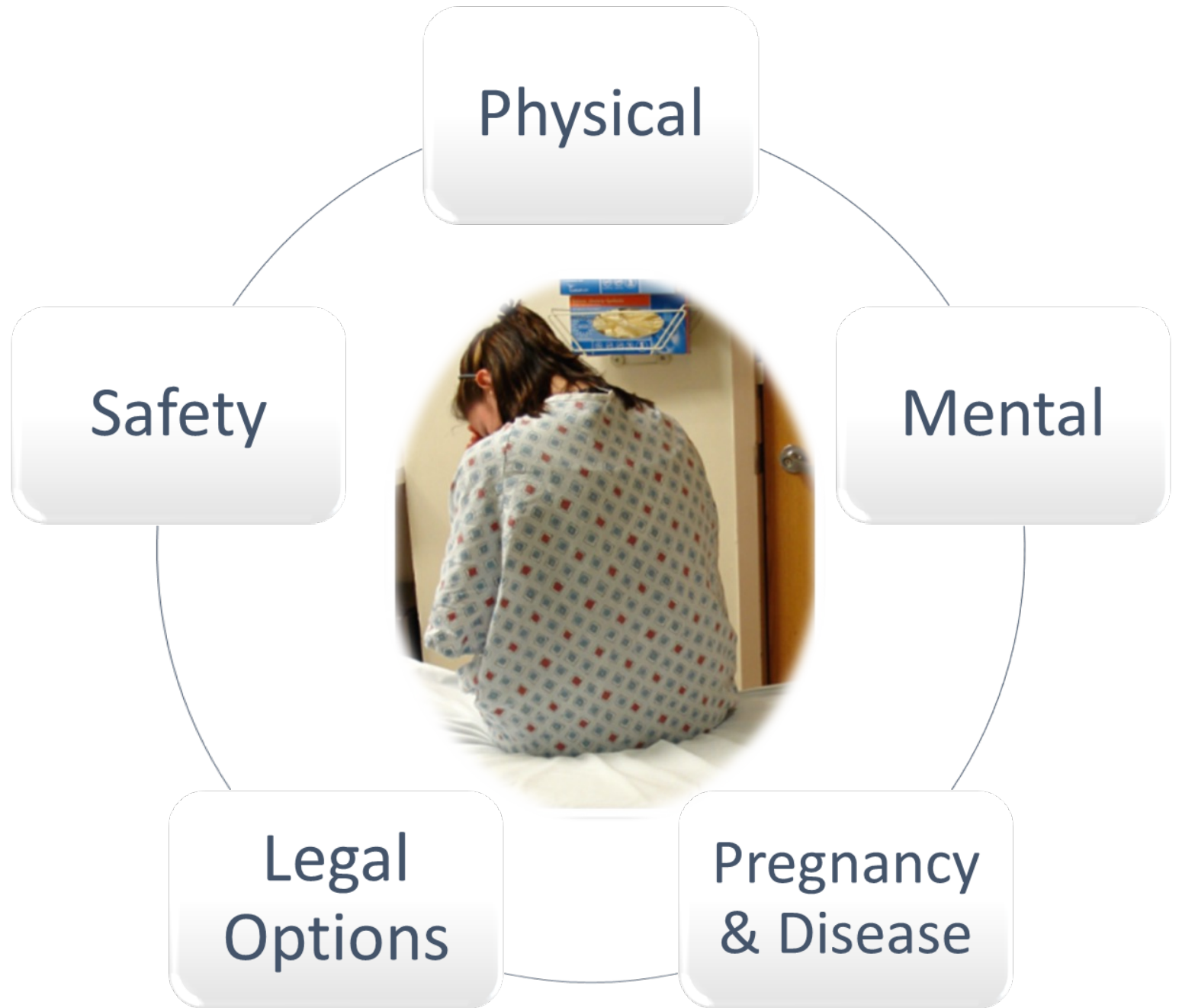
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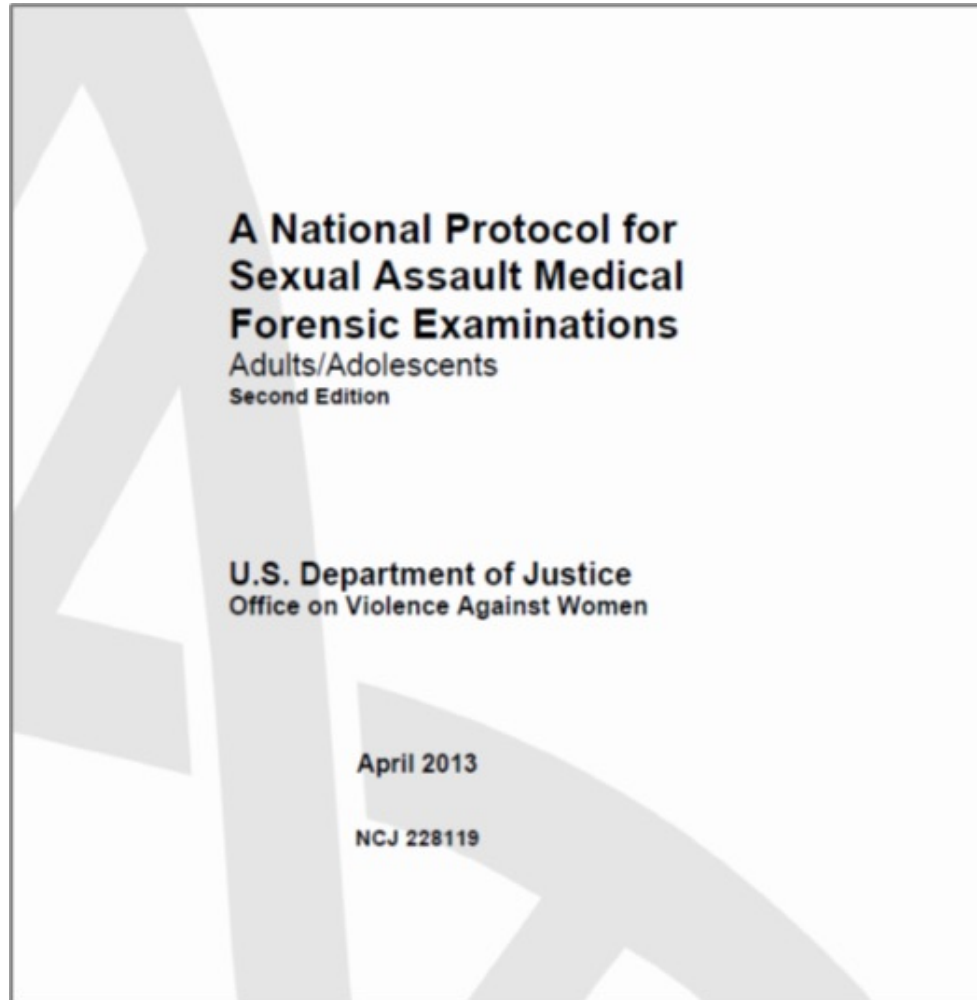
Who benefits most from clinicians receiving basic training on providing care to patients after a sexual assault?



Complex Patient Population



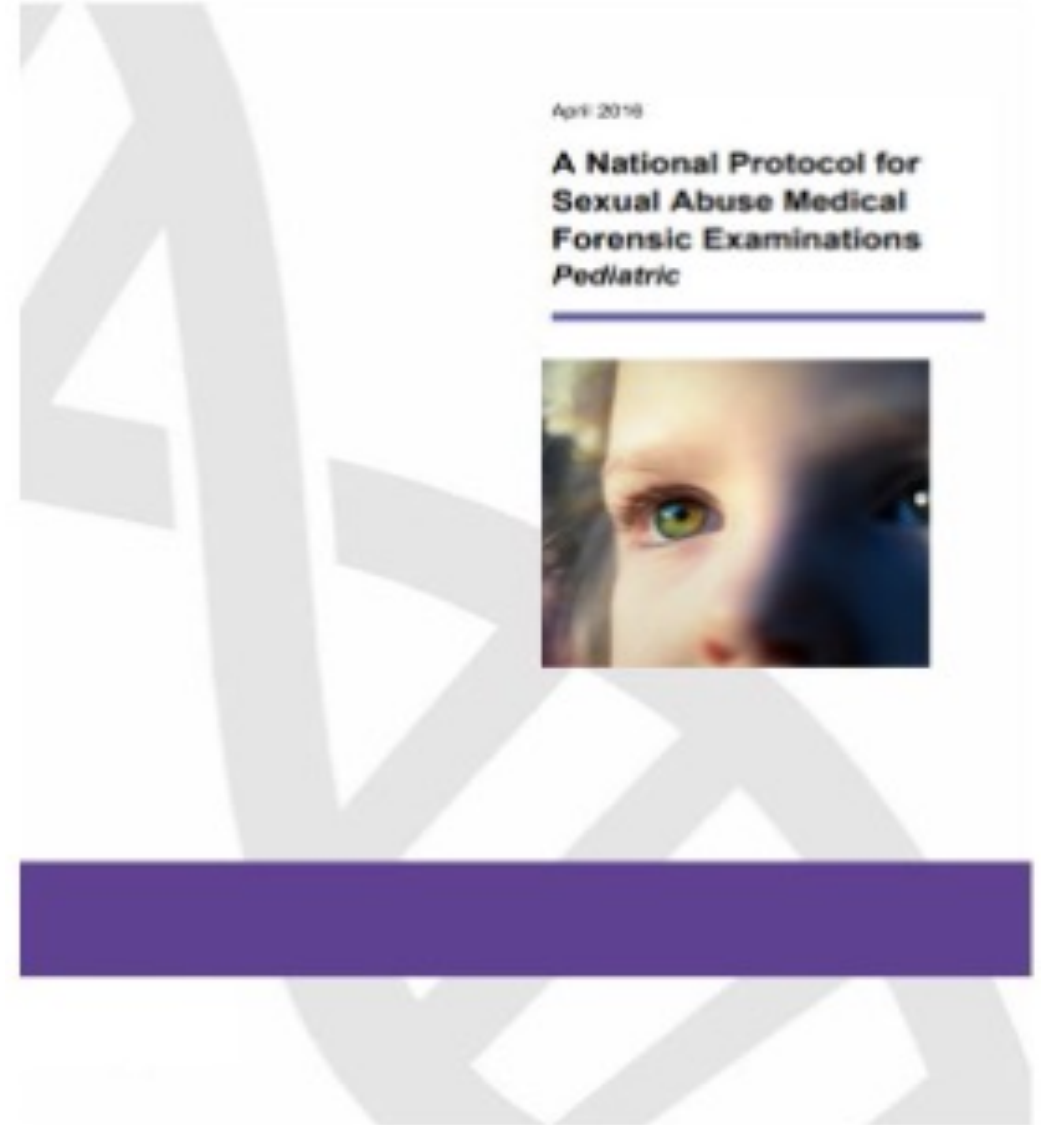
Guidance Documents (1)



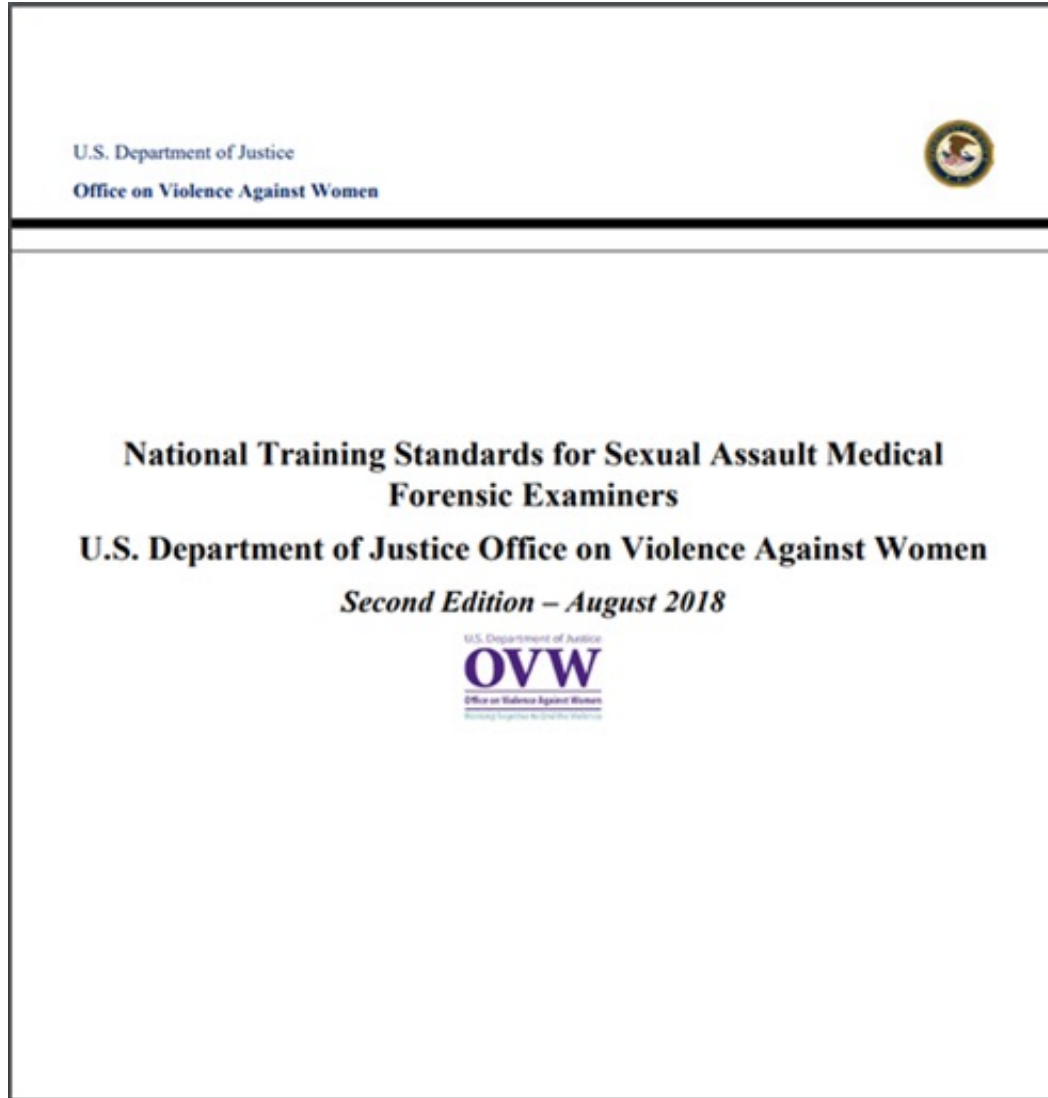
National Protocol for Sexual
Assault Medical Forensic
Examinations Adult/
Adolescent

Guidance Documents (2)

National Protocol for Sexual Abuse Medical Forensic Examinations Pediatric



Guidance Documents (3)



National Training Standards for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examiners

Guidance Documents (4)

The screenshot displays the Indian Health Service (IHS) website. At the top, it features the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services logo and the IHS logo with the text "Indian Health Service" and "The Federal Health Program for American Indians and Alaska Natives". A search bar for IHS is present, along with links for "A to Z Index", "Employee Resources", and "Feedback". A red banner below the header states: "The Indian Health Service continues to work closely with our tribal partners to coordinate a comprehensive public health response to COVID-19. [Read the latest info.](#)".

The main navigation menu includes: About IHS, Locations, *for Patients*, *for Providers*, Community Health, Careers@IHS, and Newsroom. The breadcrumb trail reads: [Indian Health Manual](#) / [Parts and Chapters](#) / [Part 3](#) / Chapter 29 - Sexual Assault.

The page content is organized into a sidebar and a main table. The sidebar, titled "Indian Health Manual", lists various document types: Parts and Chapters (highlighted), Circulars, Special General Memorandums (SGMs), General Administration Manual (GAM), Delegations of Authority, Transmittal Notices, Organizational Charts, and Functional Statements.

The main content area is titled "Chapter 29 - Sexual Assault" and "Part 3 - Professional Services". It contains a search bar and a table with the following structure:

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Policy	3-29.1E
Definitions	3-29.1F

- Indian Health Service
- Indian Health Manual- Chapter 29 Sexual Assault

Guidance Documents (5)

Forensic Health Care and Caring for
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Division of Nursing Services
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Care and Caring for
American & Alaska
Native Patients



Creating A Training for ALL Healthcare Providers



The journey ahead:

- Collaboration with national partners
- An extensive process
- Additional considerations

The Team:



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What happens when there is no access to a SANE to assist in caring for patients?



Possible Outcomes When There is No SANE

- Non-SANE trained clinicians provide care to their best ability
- The appropriate Sexual Assault Response is not initiated for the patient
- The patient is turned away

Chat Question

What are some potential issues for either the clinician or the patient when the medical forensic exam is provided without appropriate training?





Possible Outcome 1:

Non-SANE trained clinicians provide care to their best ability...

- The clinician may not feel equipped to provide the best care to the patient.
- The patient would not be able to receive the comprehensive, specialized care that a SANE trained clinician would be able to provide.
- The clinician may have fears or concerns about the potential of being called to court for testimony.



Possible Outcome 2:

The appropriate Sexual Assault Response is not initiated for the patient...

- Most communities, territories, or jurisdictions have laws and protocols in place for the response to sexual assault and abuse. This response is multidisciplinary and may vary by community and jurisdiction



Possible Outcome 3:

The patient is turned away...

Although the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) essentially says that a patient that arrives to a hospital facility seeking medical care, cannot be turned away without being provided services, it is known that patients that have been sexually assaulted are still often turned away.



Tell me one
more
time...

Quick Recap....

- Guidance documents
- Acknowledged the reality there may be no SANE to access
- Acknowledged the need for additional guidance
- Identified Possible Outcomes

Appendix C: Minimum Training Recommendations

- Neurobiology of trauma
- Multidisciplinary collaboration in sexual assault response
- The medical forensic examination across the life span
- Court Testimony



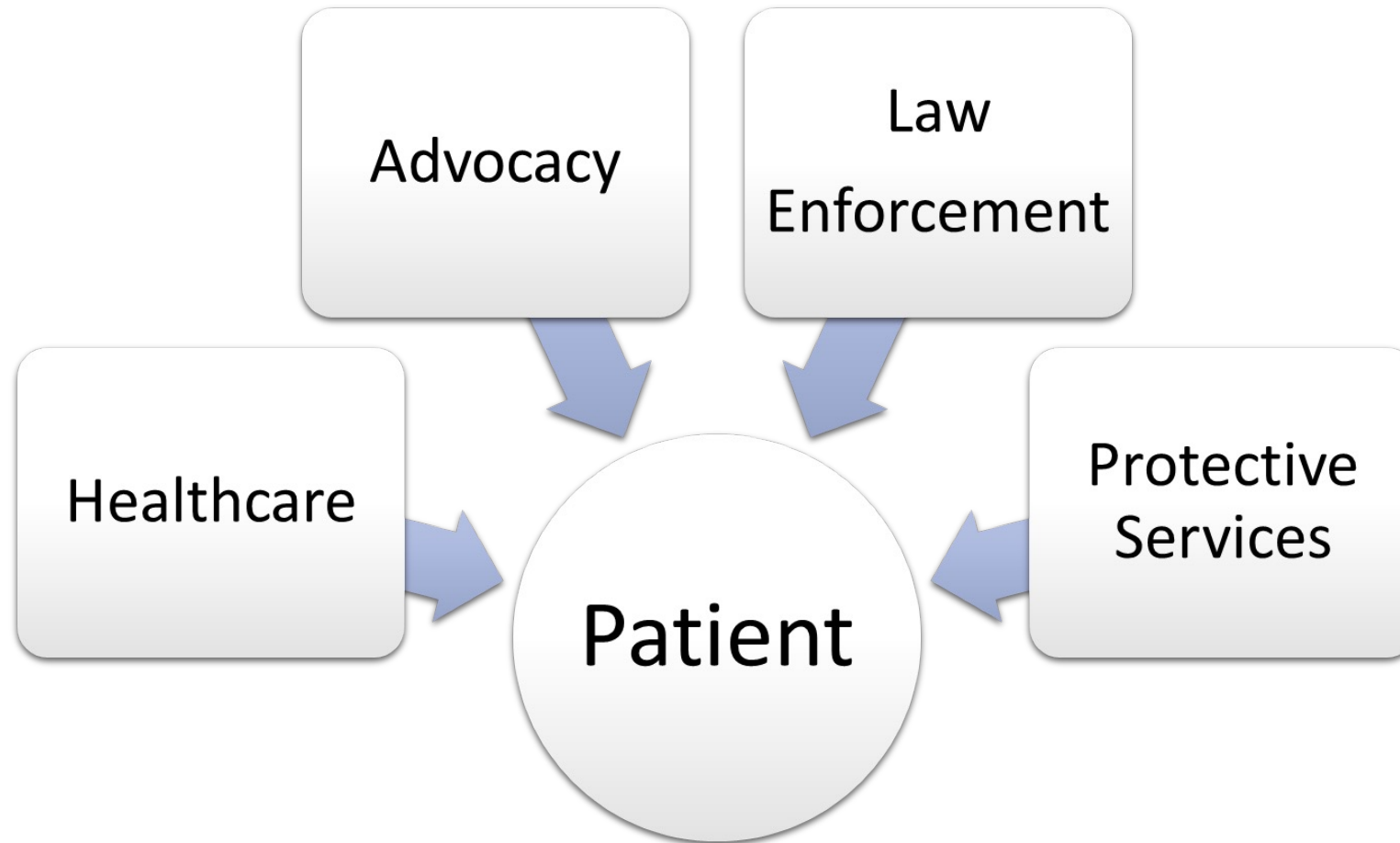
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The Neurobiology of Trauma



Clinicians are educated on how the trauma of a sexual assault and sexual abuse effect the brain and the patient's responses and actions post assault.

A Multidisciplinary Collaboration in the Patient Response





Providing a patient with care that is specific to their needs and circumstances to promote the healing and wellbeing of the patient

Clinicians must acknowledge sexual assault as a trauma and recognize that patients that have been sexually assaulted deserve to be treated with trauma informed care.



Trauma-Informed Care

More About the Training



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- **Free of cost**
- **2-Hour training**
- **CNEs/CMEs available upon completion through IAFN**
- **Created for Non-SANE trained clinicians**
- **Appropriate for all disciplines**

Accessing the Training

Caring for the Sexually Assaulted Patient When There is No SANE in Sight: A Training for ALL Healthcare Providers

This two hour course is FREE and open to everyone!

Course Outline

- The Neurobiology of Trauma
- The Coordinated Community Response
- The Medical Forensic Examination
- Courtroom Testimony

CNE credits are available at no cost upon completion of the course through IAFN.

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If you are interested in using this program for nurses and doctors throughout your institution utilizing your own e-learning platform, please complete a request form by clicking [here](#) for a free SCORM version of the product.

There are many clinical facilities that do not have access to Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) or trained sexual assault examiners to provide expert care to patients across the life span following sexual assault or abuse. As a result, clinicians are often inadequately prepared to address the healthcare and evidentiary needs of this patient population, leading to less effective care being provided to the patient. For some patients, there may be no care provided at all, as they may be turned away.

This training was collaboratively created by a team of national experts from various disciplines and is intended to fill the education gap for all clinicians about sexual assault and the unique needs of this complex patient population. This training was developed using the basic elements of *Appendix C* of the *National Training Standards 2nd ed.*

This training provides clinicians with a greater understanding of the needs of patients that have been sexually assaulted or abused while improving the overall care and exam process for these patients. With the guidance conducted within this training, clinicians are more equipped to provide their patients with trauma-informed, patient-centered approach. Affording the clinician an increased level of comfort with caring for this patient population.

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To learn more about the online training:

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IAFN ISAAC Resources

Access to the Indigenous Sexual Assault & Abuse Clearinghouse Resources and personal telephone technical assistance from the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

- Visit resources at www.ISAACOnline.org
- Professional Resource Line: 1800-999-5444

