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Dear Friend:

Survivors of sexual assault rely on medical professionals to treat their physical wounds, help them seek justice and provide support for the severe emotional trauma as they embark on a challenging recovery journey.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners are crucial in ensuring that sexual assault patients receive more compassionate care. Specially-trained nurses can reduce re-traumatization of patients and improve the quality of forensic evidence collection, which may increase prosecution rates of offenders. No matter what role you play in this critical process, your invaluable work places you on the frontline in the fight against sex crimes and makes you one of the most important people in victims' lives.

I would like to invite you to attend the **Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Didactic Training** on **November 4-6, 2025**, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Rush Copley Medical Center in Aurora. Instructions regarding the pre-coursework will be released to participants on October 2, 2025, and the online coursework must be completed by Thursday, October 30, 2025.

The **Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Didactic Training** is an important 40-hour training designed to improve the response to sexual assault patients in Illinois. The training is comprised of a combination of pre-coursework and live training. Participants can complete the pre-coursework at their convenience; however, the assignments must be completed by the due date provided.

This training is for registered nurses, advanced practice providers and physicians who will be providing medical forensic services to sexual assault patients in the Emergency Department. Applicants must have a license in good standing, acknowledge the requirements of the training including submitting a current resume, complete the pre-coursework prior to the date listed above, have an established mentor (must be an AA SAFE, SANE-A, or AA SANE practicing in Illinois) who has received specialized training in the care of sexual assault patients, work in a treatment facility's emergency department or have developed a clinical plan with an emergency department and be available for the in-person training. Individuals who have previously completed didactic training are invited to re-attend as space allows.

The training will cover the following Nursing Objectives:

Overview of Forensic Nursing and Online Coursework ■ Victim Responses and Crisis Intervention ■ Individuals with Unique Needs ■ Anogenital Diagrams/Anogenital Anatomy

Vicarious Trauma ■ Male Sexual Assault ■ Overview of the Medical Forensic Examination, Patient Medical and Forensic History-Taking ■ Strangulation and the Sexual Assault Patient Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault/Toxicology Forms and Packaging ■ Sexually Transmitted Infections: Epidemiology, Identification, Testing, and Treatment ■ Medical Forensic Photography ■ Human Trafficking ■ Genital Injury ■ Injury Identification and Classification Medical Forensic Evidence Collection ■ Surviving and Thriving While Testifying/Mock Trial Demonstration of a Medical Forensic Exam ■ Medical Forensic Documentation Review Discharge Instructions and Medical Treatment, and Follow-up Planning ■ Pregnancy Risk Evaluation and Care ■ Clinical Requirements ■ History of Forensic Nursing and SANE Role of SANE ■ SART Concept ■ Ethics ■ Overview of Sexual Assault/Abuse ■ Role of Advocate ■ Rape Trauma Syndrome and Neurobiology of Trauma ■ Victim Compensation Illinois Sexual Assault Laws ■ Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act Role of Law Enforcement ■ Sex Offender Characteristics ■ Role of the Prosecutor ■ SANE Testimony ■ Illinois Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit ■ Role of the Forensic Scientist

For more information regarding the Illinois SANE Program, the content of the training or nursing contact hours, please contact sane@ilag.gov.

These training programs will help all of us work together to better serve and protect Illinois residents from the painful effects of sexual assault. There is no charge for these trainings and an application form is attached. I hope you can join us.

Very truly yours,

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Kwame Raoul
Illinois Attorney General

This activity has been submitted to the International Association of Forensic Nurses for approval to award contact hours. The International Association of Forensic Nurses is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

The SIU School of Medicine is preapproved as a continuing education provider pursuant to section 1300.130, subsection (c), (1), (B) and (P) of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Nurse Practice Act. Nurses may receive a maximum of 40 contact hours for completing this activity.

Criteria for successful completion of the Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Didactic Training include completion of the pre-coursework, attendance at the entire event, and submission of a completed evaluation form.

Upon signing in on the attendance sheet, attending the course in its entirety (due to the criticality of the content) and completing the course evaluation, you will receive a certificate that documents the continuing nursing education contact hours for this activity.

Nurse planners and presenter(s) have declared no conflict of interest.