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SAFE/SANE INTRO

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What is a SAFE or SANE?

- **SAFE**: Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner
  - Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and Physicians
- **SANE**: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
  - Board certification through IAFN
Definition of a SAFE

A Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner is a health care provider who has been specially trained to provide comprehensive care for the sexual assault patient, who demonstrates competency in conducting a forensic exam, and has the ability to be an expert or fact witness in court.
State of Maine SAFE Program

• In Maine, the SAFE program is “housed” under DHHS, Office of Child and Family Services

• The SAFE Advisory Board issues recommendations for healthcare providers and these recommendations are intended to:
  – Promote the development of specialized skills necessary to provide comprehensive and quality medical-forensic care for the patient who has suffered sexual assault/abuse
  – Ensure training in the collection, documentation, and management of evidence collection during the medical forensic exam
  – Prepare healthcare providers to testify in legal proceedings
Did you know?

- There’s separate training and certification requirements for adults/adolescents and pediatrics.

- Most SAFEs only care for sexual assault and child sexual abuse cases.
...BUT the SAFE program at St. Joseph Hospital cares for all victims of crime.

We are a comprehensive program covering sexual assault, domestic violence, strangulation, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking.
St. Joe’s STATs

- 2016
  - 53 forensic exams (sexual assault)
- 2017
  - 64 forensic exams (sexual assault)
- 2018
  - 160 forensic exams
  - Addition of DV with and without non-fatal strangulation
- 2019
  - 162 forensic exams
    - 94% female; 6% male
    - 85% adult; 15% minors
    - 39% sexual assault
    - 41% domestic violence
    - 18.5% human trafficking
    - 12% other (assault, child abuse r/o)
    - 30% involved non-fatal strangulation
So what happens at the hospital?

Whatever the patient wants.

100% patient driven care.