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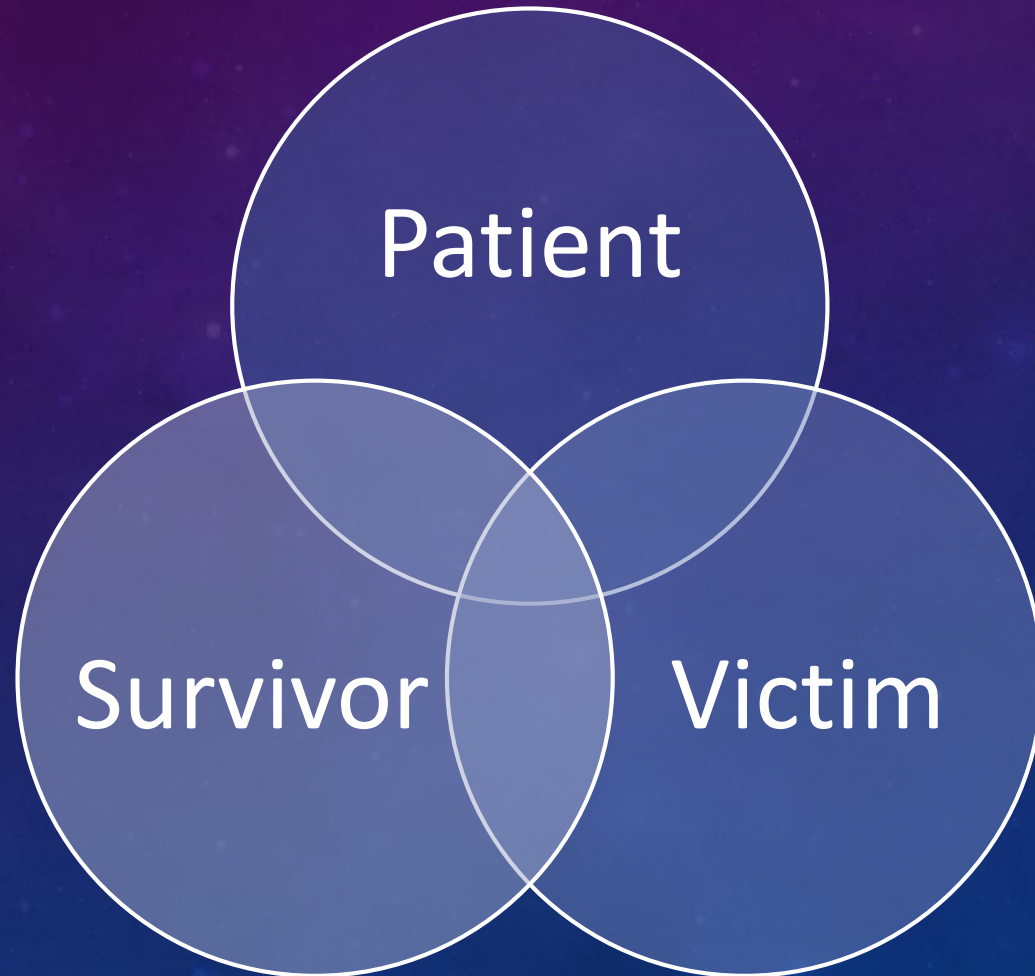
HEALTH CARE OPTIONS FOR SURVIVORS

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Objectives

- Understand health care options for survivors of sexual assault
- Explore options for forensic evidence collection
- Discuss financial resources available to survivors who seek medical care
- Outline privacy considerations when survivors interact with health care

A quick note about language...



...and a guide to my alphabet soup

- SANE / SAE: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner / Sexual Assault Examiner
- SAFE kit: Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence kit
- SAVE Fund: Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response Fund
- SAMS-Track: Sexual Assault Management System

ACCESSING HEALTH CARE

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How do patients connect with health care?

- Emergency department
- In-patient
- Clinic
- Through law enforcement
- Through advocacy

SANE programs

- Who are SANEs?
- How are SANEs organized in the Portland Metro area?
- How are SANEs organized elsewhere in Oregon?

Before an exam

- Check-in
- Triage
- Medical Screening Exam (MSE)
- Medical stabilization, if needed
- Waiting for the SANE
- Role of the advocate

General medical options

- Wellness check
- Prophylactic (preventative) medications*
- “Partial” exam: medical-forensic exam with documentation only
- “Complete” exam: medical-forensic exam with physical evidence collection*

* time limitations

What are not options?

- Determining whether a sexual assault did or did not occur
- Determining whether a patient was drugged or not

A brief note about minors' rights

- **15 years old and above:** can consent to (or decline!) medical services, including sexual assault medical-forensic exam
- **Any age:** can consent to receive information on birth control, as well as birth control itself
- **14 years old and above:** can consent to psychiatric and chemical dependency treatment

Wellness checks

- Injury assessment and treatment
- Risk assessment and referrals
- Treatment for pain, nausea, etc.
- Any other concerns from the patient

Common prophylactic (preventative) medication options

- Pregnancy
- STDs/STIs: gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomoniasis, bacterial vaginosis
- HIV

Medical-forensic exams

Patients can accept or decline *any* portion of the exam at *any* time and SANEs are trained to check in with them frequently.

Medical-forensic exams

Steps/options for the exam

1. SANE introduction and consents/ROIs
2. History
3. Head-to-toe exam with evidence collection option
4. Anogenital exam with evidence collection option
5. Medications and referrals

More on consent and ROI

- Capacity to consent
- Informed consent vs. implied consent
- Anatomy of a written consent
- Anatomy of a medical ROI

Consent for Medical-Forensic Exam

I consent and authorize _____ employed by _____ to
conduct a medical-forensic exam based on the components initialed below.
Medical Provider and Title Name of Institution

Patient initials

I give consent for medical evaluation and treatment related to sexual assault. I understand I may withdraw my consent at any time for any portion of the exam.

Patient initials

I give consent for evidence collection related to sexual assault. I understand I may withdraw my consent at any time for any portion of the exam.

Patient initials

I give consent for photo-documentation related to sexual assault. I understand I may withdraw my consent at any time for any portion of the exam.

SIGNATURE OF PATIENT/PARENT/GUARDIAN

IF PARENT/GUARDIAN, PRINT NAME & RELATIONSHIP

SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL PROVIDER

PRINTED NAME OF MEDICAL PROVIDER

DATE

Release of Information

I authorize the release of documentation and evidence collected to law enforcement for purposes of:

_____ **Investigation:** A report to law enforcement has been made or I am requesting that a
Patient initials report to law enforcement be made on my behalf.

_____ **Storage only:** A report to law enforcement has not been made. I understand any evidence
Patient initials collected will be stored anonymously without being opened or tested until such time as I
make a report to law enforcement.

FROM:

Medical Facility Name: _____

Address: _____

TO:

Law Enforcement Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

This release will be effective for 180 days from today or until a different date specified here: _____ .

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Bodygrams and photographs

- Injury documentation
- Body photographs
- Sensitive photographs

EVIDENCE COLLECTION OPTIONS

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Examples of physical evidence

- Clothing
- Blood
- Urine
- External body swabs
- Internal body swabs
- Debris
- Hair
- Condoms
- Pads
- Tampons

Preserving physical evidence

- Timeframe
- Eating and drinking
- Changing clothes
- Voiding and defecating
- Bathing
- Douching

SAMS-Track

- SAFE kit tracking
- How does the patient access this information?

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

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SAVE Fund

- Who manages the SAVE Fund?
- Who is eligible?
- How is the SAVE Fund accessed?
- What does it cover?
- What does it not cover?

SAVE Fund

- What happens after the patient fills out the application?
- What is the hospital allowed to charge for or not charge for after SAVE Fund reimbursement?
- What if the patient receives a bill they shouldn't have?

SAVE Fund

- Survivor webpage: <https://www.doj.state.or.us/crime-victims/victims-resources/victims-services/sexual-assault-victims-emergency-medical-response-save-fund/>
 - Links to Medical Providers page, which has application/billing form

SAVE Fund

- Valerie Smith, SAVE Fund Coordinator:
 - (503) 378-5348
 - Valerie.Smith@doj.state.or.us or save@doj.state.or.us
- Contact her with any questions or issues, such as an accidental bill

Crime Victims' Compensation

- Who manages CVC?
- Who is eligible?
- How is it accessed?

Medication companies

- Gilead (Advancing Access)
 - <https://www.gileadadvancingaccess.com/>
- Merck (Merck Patient Assistance Program)
 - <https://www.merckhelps.com/>
- ViiV Connect
 - <https://www.viivconnect.com/>

Insurance

- Private insurance
- Oregon Health Plan (OHP)

Others

- Hospitals may choose to write off all or part of bill for services not covered elsewhere
 - Differs by hospital
- Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)
 - Through CDC
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/index.html>

PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS

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Law enforcement reporting options

- Report with evidence collected
- Report without evidence collected
- No report, evidence collected anonymously
- No report, no evidence collected

Mandatory reports

- Age-related
- Vulnerable adult: disability, mental illness
- Serious physical injury or injury with a deadly/dangerous weapon

Where do these reports go?

Where does the patient retain agency?

Insurance statement

- Explanation of benefits (EOB)
- Primary policy holder
- Insurance communication privacy, ORS 743B.555
 - Patient may request that insurance communications with protected health information be sent to them instead of primary policy holder
 - Processing time may be able to be expedited with help from Billing Department

Reach out anytime!

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Questions?