



# DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

<b>Division: SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>
<b>Classification: CERTIFIED SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER (SANE)</b>
<b>Applicant Name:</b>

**Certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE):**  
The Certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.

**Definition of Care or Service:**  
The Certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) serves as a non-employee member of the team by assisting the department director and staff. Scope of service may include:

- Explain/provide the following to the patient as needed:
  - Explain/obtain patient consent: release of protected health information and consent for the medical forensic exam
  - Explain/provide Patient Rights to:
    - i. Privacy and confidentiality
    - ii. Information regarding reporting versus non-reporting to law enforcement
    - iii. A victim advocate during the medical forensic exam
    - iv. Refusal of any or all of the medical forensic examination
  - Explain procedures and equipment, to include a plan of care
  - Explain the purpose of multidisciplinary team members
- Obtain health and forensic history, documenting thoroughly according to agency policy/protocol and standards of practice.
- Use appropriate equipment and techniques to perform a thorough patient-centered assessment, develop a nursing plan of care, provide medical treatment, and refer when appropriate according to policy/procedure and standards of practice.
- Use appropriate equipment and techniques to collect evidence (if indicated by history), document forensic procedure(s), and maintain chain of custody evidence accurately according to policy/procedure and standards of practice.
- Follow assessment guidelines and standardized procedures for age-specific and special populations; such as the pediatric adult, adolescent, elderly, pregnant, or vulnerable/special needs patient.
- Perform a psychosocial assessment, to include:
  - Crisis intervention
  - Safety assessment and planning
  - Referrals
- Use a culturally competent approach to meet the individual needs of the patient.
- Provide appropriate medication administration, discharge instructions, and health care referrals according to policy/procedure and standards of practice
- Use proper techniques to perform forensic photography according to policy/procedure and standards of practice.
- Participate in professional activities to continually improve practice, including but not limited to chart review, peer review, on-going education, supervision, and mentoring to prepare the nurse for the SANE role.



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- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians

**Setting(s):**

- Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals and physician practices
- Patient care areas, all settings

**Supervision:**

- Direct supervision by Medical Director of Satilla Advocacy Services (SAS)
  - Indirect supervision by the SAS director or designee

**Evaluator:** Supervising physician, director or designee

**Tier Level:** 2

**eSAF Access Required:** YES

**Qualifications:**

- Associate’s Degree or higher
- Currently licensed as a RN
- International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) SANE-A and/or SANE-P Certification
- American Heart Association health care provider BLS Certification

**NOTE:** Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.

**State Requirements:**

- Current active license in practicing state.

**Experience:**

- N/A

**Preferred Experience:**

- Two year experience as a SANE preferred

**Competencies:**

The Certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) will demonstrate:

- A safe environment for patients
  - Uses at least two ways to identify patients before assessing, treating or performing a procedure and always verifies the correlation between requested procedure and the patient’s physician order
  - Follows assessment guidelines and standardized procedures for age-specific and special populations; such as the pediatric, adult, adolescent, elderly, pregnant, or vulnerable/special needs patient according to policy/procedure and standards of practice
  - Provides appropriate medication administration, discharge instructions, and health care referrals according to policy/procedure and standards of practice
  - Performs a thorough psychosocial assessment, to include: crisis intervention, safety assessment and planning, referrals, and a culturally competent approach to meet the individual needs of the patient
  - Effective infection control practices related to equipment operation according to policy/procedure and standards of care
- Accurate patient information review and evaluation
  - Obtains health and forensic history, documenting thoroughly according to agency policy/protocol and standards of practice



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- Notifies the appropriate member of the interdisciplinary patient care team of issues that require immediate intervention or attention
- Use appropriate equipment and techniques to collect evidence (if indicated by history), document forensic procedure/s, and maintain chain of custody evidence accurately according to policy/procedure and standards of practice
- Infection Prevention
  - Practices consistent hand hygiene
  - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - Required immunizations per Division requirements
  - Complies with Isolation precautions

**References:**

- <http://www.forensicnurses.org/> for IAFN
- Nursing Compact States & Nurse Licensure: <https://www.travelnursing.com/what-is-travel-nursing/nursing-compact-states/>
- Nursys: <https://www.nursys.com/LQC/LQCTerms.aspx>

**Document Control:**

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- Previously named Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Certified
- Cosmetic updates 6/4/2020

**Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.**

**Applicant Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_