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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

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Learn about Forensic Nursing on April 14 from 11am – 3pm in the HMC Cafeteria!

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The Harborview Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)/Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) program is a service within the Harborview Abuse & Trauma Center (HATC) and has a team of 26 per diem forensic nurse examiners. The SANE/FNE program has been in existence since 2000. The SANE/FNE program currently provides 24/7 coverage to Harborview Medical Center and 6 additional hospitals: Swedish First Hill Medical Center, Seattle Children’s Hospital, Valley Medical Center, UWMC-Montlake, UWMC-Northwest, and Virginia Mason Medical Center.

Our on-call nurses respond quickly to provide forensic, trauma-informed medical care for patients who have been sexually assaulted or the victim of domestic violence with strangulation. Patients often present with numerous risk factors for assault. Our specially trained and highly skilled team of forensic nurses provide compassionate and comprehensive care to patients of all ages, genders, and demographics. The SANE/FNE team works closely with social workers in the emergency department to meet victim's needs and connect them with supportive follow-up services. HATC offers free follow-up care after an exam to further support their healing and recovery. This care and support promote better outcomes for victims.

The Harborview Abuse and Trauma Center also provides SANE/FNE training for nurses across WA state.