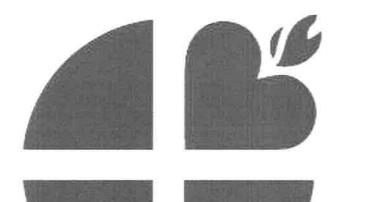
# St. Joseph Healthcare St. Joseph Hospital



SAFE/SANE INTRO

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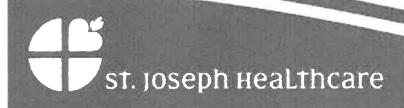
#### What is a SAFE or SANE?

- 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.