



# Idaho SANE/SART Update

... improving access to standardized care  
of the sexual assault patient in the state  
of Idaho ....



## No Memory Collections

If your patient has limited, or no, memory of the sexual assault how do you know what to collect for evidence? We recommend collecting from the sites of “usual” contact, including:

- Peri-oral (around the mouth)
- Oral
- Neck
- Bilateral breasts (one sample)
- Abdomen (may have semen)
- External Genitalia
- Vagina
- Anus

You would also collect evidence from any injuries that could have body fluid (a hickie, for example). Doing a strangulation assessment is also important; memory loss may be indicative of strangulation, although the patient may not have any memory of the event. Look for other symptoms of strangulation: petechiae/purpura (especially on soft palate), conjunctival hemorrhage, visible injuries on neck (present less than 50% of the time), vomiting, loss of sensation/vision, urinary or bowel incontinence, vision changes, difficulty speaking or swallowing, headaches, or injuries of the tongue/lips.

## OOPS!!

It has come to our attention that there is a typo in our new sexual assault evidence collection kits—the instructions ask that those instructions be returned to the lab inside the kit. THIS IS A MISTAKE — the instructions should NOT be returned to lab, they can be thrown away when the exam is complete. We apologize for the confusion!





## Program Spotlight



### Kootenai Forensic Nursing Department—submitted by M. Lorincz

Kootenai Health Forensic Nurse Examiner program is live! Our team of 24 nurses are on-call 24/7 to care for any victim of crime that presents to Kootenai Health. We have expanded services from our SANE program to now also care for victims of domestic violence, child physical abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, other physical assault, and violent crime such as shootings or stabbings. Our team also responds to all pediatric code blue, pediatric level 1 or level 2 traumas, or any other suspicious injury.

Our 64-hour Combined SANE A/P course and clinical skills course is open for enrollment (both IAFN approved). For the 64-hour course, this is a hybrid course. 40-hours are online modules and 24-hour is in person. I am working to establish remote sites in our Northwest Hospital Alliance hospitals, however, I am open to others. How this works is for the 24-hours in person, I will be live at one location, and we will stream to the other host sites. I will need someone to coordinate with to be live at each host site and I can talk further about what that will entail.

For nurses in our Northwest Hospital Alliance: Benewah Community Hospital, Bonner General Health, Boundary Community Hospital, Clearwater Valley Health, Shoshone Medical Center, St. Mary's Health, Syringa Hospital and Clinics, we have scholarships available for the skills course to compensate for mileage and lodging. They just need to reach out to me so I can coordinate. Nurses within the NW Alliance will be prioritized, however it is open to any nurse. At this time, there is no fee as I have grant funding. However, if I have to hire an additional instructor and model, I will have to charge a nominal fee to those outside of our alliance.



### NEW Idaho Law—VERY Important

**Effective July 1, 2024**, Idaho healthcare providers must obtain parental consent to treat unemancipated minors or face civil liability except in emergency cases. In addition, parents will have a right to access the medical records of their minor children subject to very limited exceptions. This is a **significant change in the current law and will require healthcare providers to adjust their current policies and practices**. The statute must be read and applied in conjunction with Idaho's general consent statutes, I.C. § 39-4501 *et seq.*

The Act states:

Except as otherwise provided by court order, an individual shall not furnish a health care service or solicit to furnish a health care service to a minor child without obtaining the prior consent of the minor child's parent.

The Act is intended for unemancipated minors, not those who are emancipated, but the Act does not define an emancipated minor. Healthcare providers may provide if care if a medical emergency exists and:

- (i) Furnishing the health care service is necessary in order to prevent death or imminent, irreparable physical injury to the minor child; or
- (ii) After a reasonably diligent effort, the health care provider cannot locate or contact a parent of the minor child and the minor child's life or health would be seriously endangered by further delay in the furnishing of health care services.

HOWEVER, the medical forensic examination is NOT an emergency.

Programs should consult their legal resource/department to determine how the new law impacts care they provide to minors.

(Holland & Hart, *New Limits on Minor Consents in Idaho*, Kim Stanger, 4-26-2024)

## Crime Victims Compensation

The Crime Victim's Compensation Program (CVC) pays for the medical forensic examination after sexual assault — and facilities are not allowed to bill patients for this exam, so the CVC payment is a benefit for all involved. CVC is working to streamline the application process; the one-page application (used when an adult patient wants an anonymous collection) has been revised (be sure you have the new one!) and they are working on simplifying the five-page application (used for all other cases).

**ADDITIONALLY**, CVC has asked that we document referrals made for continuing care after completion of the exam; this documentation will allow CVC to assess making payments for additional services.

### REFERRAL LANGUAGE:

Referrals for Exam:

HIV assessment and follow-up at or with: \_\_\_\_\_

Mental Health \_\_\_\_\_

Testing for STI/pregnancy at or with: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications:

o Flagyl

o Antibiotics for \_\_\_\_\_

o HIV nPEP

o Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Advocacy: \_\_\_\_\_

Obstetrical: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

LINK to One-Page Application (for ADULT anonymous patients only):

<https://crimevictimcomp.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/SAE-Reimbursement-Form-2024.pdf>

LINK to Five-Page Application (for all other patients):

<https://crimevictimcomp.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/CVCP-APP-2021-1-FINAL.pdf>

### More collection tips:

1. Use four dry swabs for all body cavity sites (mouth, vagina, and anus) ONLY
2. Use two damp (1-2 gtts sterile water on each swab) for all non-cavity sites, regardless of size
3. If you drop a swab DO NOT THROW IT AWAY— package it alone in a separate envelope, labeling as “fourth swab from vaginal sample, swab was dropped on floor” on the envelope and Pt. Info & History Form. Note “4th swab packed separately (dropped)” on the envelope with other swabs from site.



## 2-Day Skills Sessions

If you need the 16-hour requirement after taking the 40-hour SANE course, two organizations in Idaho are now offering those classes; The Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Center in Idaho Falls and Kootenai Health in Coeur d'Alene.

**IDAHO FALLS**—for information, contact Amanda Cook at the Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Center ([acook@co.bonneville.id.us](mailto:acook@co.bonneville.id.us)):

June 7-8 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-adultadolescent-clinical-skills-training-for-sanefes-tickets-880270501767?aff=oddtcreator>

Sept. 20-21 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-copy-of-adultadolescent-clinical-skills-training-for-sanefes-tickets-880271544887?aff=oddtcreator>

Nov. 8-9 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adultadolescent-clinical-skills-training-for-sanefes-tickets-880292728247?aff=oddtcreator>

Nov. 15-16 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/880294182597?aff=oddtcreator>

**COEUR D'ALENE**— for information, contact Megan Lorincz at Kootenai Health ([mlorincz@kh](mailto:mlorincz@kh)\_

Sept. 12-13, 2024\* or January 9-10, 2025\*

\* you must have completed a 40-Hour SANE-A or 64-Hour Combined Adult/Adolescent-Peds course prior to taking the 2-day courses in Coeur d'Alene.

## SANE-A Courses in 2024

June 10-14, 2024	Orofino
July 15-19	Bonnerr Ferry
August 12-16	Grangeville
September 9-13	Preston
September 23-27	Emmett
October 7-11	Moscow
October 21-25	Hailey

You are responsible for all travel, lodging, and meal expenses.

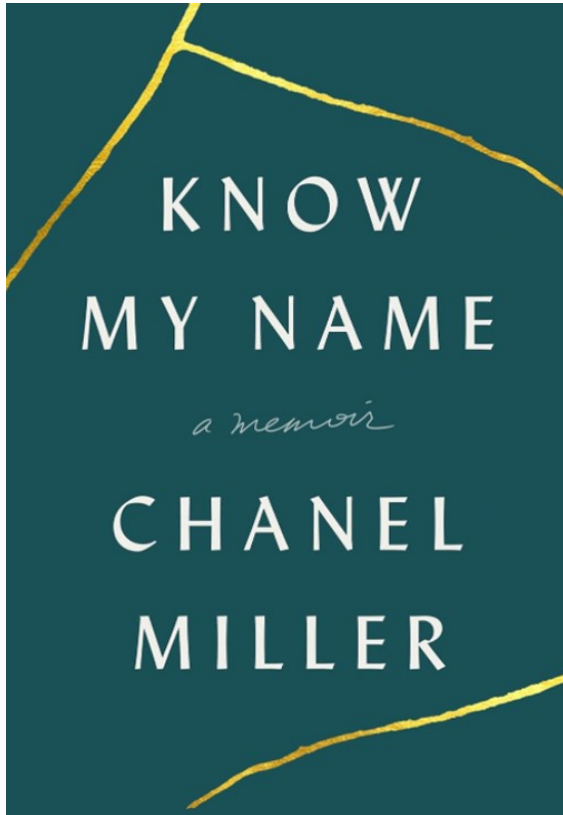
To register for any class FREE OF CHARGE we need the following information:

- Your name and credentials (BSN, RN, CEN, etc.)
- Mailing Address
- Phone
- Email (personal, unless you check your work information frequently)
- ID RN License Number
- Organization/Department where you work
- Which class you wish to attend

email [forensic.nurses@isp.idaho.gov](mailto:forensic.nurses@isp.idaho.gov) — please do not use the registration link on the ISP website.



## Maddy's Media Review



### Know My Name: A Memoir By Chanel Miller

Chanel Miller was sexually assaulted by Brock Turner in 2015 behind a dumpster on the Stanford University campus while she was unconscious. Miller chose to be “Emily Doe” during the criminal justice process, but later relinquished her anonymity in 2019. Her assault was unique in that it was witnessed and stopped two students. The trial gained national attention due especially to Turner’s identity as an athlete and his arguably light sentence. Miller’s book sheds light on the entirety of her experience: from the assault, to the medical forensic exam, the court experience, and beyond. She speaks openly and beautifully about her struggles with mental health and how she has found healing. If you lack the time to read the book in whole, consider reading/watching Miller’s entire victim impact statement, found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qK28Powy4ZQ>

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/2852615-Stanford-Victim-Letter-Impact-Statement-From>

### Ordering SAECKs and Tox Kits

SAECKs are ordered at this email: [D3lab@isp.idaho.gov](mailto:D3lab@isp.idaho.gov)

Tox kits are ordered at your local State Lab:

Meridian: [D3lab@isp.idaho.gov](mailto:D3lab@isp.idaho.gov)

Pocatello: [D5lab@isp.idaho.gov](mailto:D5lab@isp.idaho.gov)

Coeur d’Alene: [D1lab@isp.idaho.gov](mailto:D1lab@isp.idaho.gov)

### We Need Your Input

We will soon begin looking at revision of the Idaho Sexual Assault Response Guidelines and we are asking that you take a look and give us feedback to make the manual really ‘work’ for you. If you don’t have a copy, you can get one at this link: