According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, sexual assault occurs every 98 seconds in the United States. Working with other disciplines, SANEs provide optimal care for the victims and collect medicolegal evidence correctly while providing resources. Rural southern Indiana reports higher rates than federal statistics but does not have full-time SANE coverage at its hospitals. Jackson County in Indiana is a medically underserved area and has a shortage of health professionals (HRSA, 2017).

**Objectives**

- An increased number of nurses completing didactic courses and ready for clinical training portion
- Positive course satisfaction.

**Description**

- SANEs
  - Provide information about procedures, including patient knowing they can refuse a procedure at any time and allows informed consent
  - Collect evidence in a medicolegal manner
  - Proper technique increases chance of collecting specimens
  - Proper storage of collected collection aids in increasing chance of evidence holding up in a legal system
  - Provide resources
    - Acute
    - Chronic
  - SANE Training decreases the risk of vicarious trauma in nurses
  - Identifying signs and symptoms of vicarious trauma decreases the risk of it
  - Training begins with the didactic course followed by a clinical course

- The project design is an experimental quantitative study with aggregated data collected through pre- and post-tests and surveys
- Themes expected are increased number of nurses completing didactic training, more nurses prepared for clinical training, and positive course satisfaction.
- The IU School of Nursing at IUPUC held the didactic course on their campus for six consecutive Thursdays in Fall 2018 to accommodate rural hospital staffing
- This SANE program received approval from the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN), certifying its content quality for certification testing.

**Outcomes**

- Eight participants started and completed the didactic program
- Seven participants took a pre-course survey consisting of 32 multiple-choice questions. The minimum score was 15, the maximum was 23. Mean was 18.29
- Four participants took the post-course survey. Minimum score was 22, maximum was 25. Mean was 23.5
- Daily evaluations showed the participants found the course informative and applicable to the SANE role.
- Anticipated findings include
  - Higher aggregated test scores
  - Participants feeling more knowledgeable for SANE role
  - Positive Course Satisfaction
  - Participants ready for clinical SANE training

**Conclusions**

- Findings showed participants planned to encourage or strongly encourage others to take the course
- There was a knowledge increase based on the pre- and post-tests

**Facilitators**

- Campus and industry support for the project.
- Interdisciplinary group of experts for presenters
- Quality of program content approved by the IAFN

**Barriers**

- Small sample size.

**Recommendations**

- Sample size was small, but realistic for holding course in a rural area; a larger sample may show improved results in all variables.
- Continue providing didactic course in southern Indiana while working with nearby institutions to encourage participation

**References**