

FORENSIC HEALTHCARE

Understanding the Links in the Chain of Evidence



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More and more healthcare providers are being asked to collect and preserve forensic evidence in addition to care giving. They are working in tandem with first responders, law enforcement and prosecutors to aid in convictions. Collaboration, continuity in processes and techniques and effective communication among all parties is critical for successful prosecution and for the victims' healing process to begin.

FORENSIC HEALTHCARE: Understanding the Links in the Chain of Evidence seminar defines and details the forensic process from initial contact through court room trial. The critical links in the chain will be identified along with best practices, tips and perspectives from industry experts.

THE PROGRAM

Incident – Hear a firsthand account from the last victim of the Society Hill Strangler (Philadelphia) of her emergency room experience and how she is advocating for DNA samples to be collected by hospital personnel for all assault victims, not just sexual.

Recognition, Recording, Reporting – SANE nursing professionals will detail how they counsel victims and provide practical information on the process of collecting and preserving evidence once an assault had been identified.

Evidence Examination – Understand how evidence is examined by law enforcement and how healthcare professionals can avoid the common mistakes that can derail an investigation.

Investigation – Hear two local Special Victim Unit detectives detail how they piece together the incident and what they require from the other links to present sufficient evidence to the Prosecution.

Prosecution – What if you were called upon to testify to help with the prosecution and begin the victim's healing process? Would you be prepared? Learn helpful tips and perspective from a local prosecutor and judge to make the experience more comfortable and successful.

Panel Discussion – The event concludes with a panel discussion focusing on how forensic awareness can be integrated into the healthcare provider's focus, the patient. The presenters will provide tips and tools that healthcare providers can start using immediately. Q & A and evaluation will conclude the program.

This is a unique experience that outlines how multiple disciplines must work together to help victims and provide the best patient outcomes. For more information, please visit northampton.edu/nurseconference.

EVENT INFORMATION

Friday, November 9, 2012 • 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Contact hours: 6.0

Fee: \$99 (includes continental breakfast, lunch and all materials)

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