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HIGHLIGHTS

Provided 40-hour SANE Training to 1171 nurses

Published 2nd Edition of Forensic Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice

Increased the SANE certification renewal rate from 59% to 72%.

Expanded Membership from 3738 to 4106.

Released Policy Statement: Care of Prepubescent Pediatric Sexual Abuse Patients in the Emergency Care Setting (March 2017)

Provided forensic nursing education to more than 11,000 attendees

Answered 988 Technical Assistance requests
  (Requests for support surrounding forensic nursing policy and practice)
THE ASSOCIATION

The International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) is a professional education and membership association representing more than 4000 forensic nurses and allied professionals worldwide. The Association establishes and improves standards of forensic nursing practice by fostering growth and development of the specialty. We promote increased knowledge and skills among our members and among professionals from other disciplines who are dedicated to the dissemination of knowledge about forensic nursing globally. We wish to thank all the members who volunteered on a Committee or Task Force for their work and dedication. The help of member volunteers allows IAFN to advance and provide the best service to the profession.

MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTERS

IAFN closed the year with 4106 members and 25 chapters. The Association continued our Spotlight on a Member program, allowing members to nominate their peers for recognition. In 2017, we acknowledged these members:

- Tanya Smith
- Miriam Stauter
- Michelle Gorman
- Stacy Drake
- Khara Breeden
- Stephanie Carlson
- Eldonna Hilde
- Christine Banfield
- Georgia Pasqualone (posthumously)

PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

ForensicNurses.org (@forensicnurses)
SAFEta.org (@safeta)
KIDSta.org (@kidsta)
TribalForensicHealthcare.org

2017 POLICY STATEMENTS

Care of Prepubescent Pediatric Sexual Abuse Patients in the Emergency Care Setting
SANEs in Level 1 and 2 Trauma Centers

AWARDS

The Association honored selected members and the public through its Awards Program.

- **Virginia A. Lynch Pioneer Award in Forensic Nursing**
  - Jana French
- **Distinguished Fellow Award**
  - Annie Lewis-O’Connor
- **Front Line Forensic Nurse of the Year**
  - Christy Alexander
- **Ann Burgess Research Award**
  - Jocelyn Anderson
- **Service Award**
  - Gina Carbino
- **Patron Award**
  - Paula Broome
LEADERSHIP

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Meeting and Events Planner  Carol Dunn, CMP
Nearly 100 forensic nurses from across North America gathered on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, on April 4, 2017, to discuss key issues related to the health and recovery of patients who have experienced violence and trauma.

IAFN honored Joye Frost, retired Director of the Office For Victims of Crime, for her commitment to serving victims of crime. She was instrumental in advancing SANE and SART Training and Technical Assistance Initiatives in the United States and a strong proponent of integrating innovation with research.

2017 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

Support Funding of the Violence Against Women Act
Increase Access to Forensic Nurses in the United States and Internationally
Monitor and Comment on Healthcare Reform Developments that Impact Access to Forensic Nurses and Comprehensive Care for Their Patients

FORENSIC NURSES WEEK

Forensic Nurses Week is celebrated annually during the second week in November. The 2017 theme was “Vital in the Healthcare Response to Violence.” During the November 6 – 10 celebration, the Association highlighted the contributions and commitments of 9 forensic nurses.

Albino Gomes, Portugal
Cathy Narcavage-Bradley, New York, US
Ellen Johnson, Minnesota, US
Gillian Sheppard, Texas, US
Jean Cheek, Virginia, US
Rhonda Boyett, Virginia, US
Stephanie Wahlgren, Washington, US
Vania Baioni, Maryland, US
Zenaide Cavalcanti de Medeiros, Brazil
The Journal of Forensic Nursing (JFN), the official journal of the International Association of Forensic Nurses, features empirical studies, review and theoretical articles, methodological and concept papers, and case reports that address the provision of care to victims and perpetrators of violence, trauma, and abuse. In 2017, Volume 13, Issues 1-4 were published. At the 2017 Conference in Toronto, Ontario, the Journal presented three awards:

The 2016 JFN Clinical Article of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Alison Colbert for her article entitled “Women in transition to health: A theory-based intervention to increase engagement in care for women recently released from jail or prison.” This article was co-authored by Dr. Vanessa Durand and can be found in Volume 12(1).

The 2016 JFN Research Article of the Year Award was presented to Erin Pollitt and team for their article entitled “Alternate light source findings of common topical products.” This article was co-authored by Jocelyn Anderson, Dr. Katherine Scafide, Debra Holbrook, Glynis D’Silva, and Dr. Daniel Sheridan. The article can be found in Volume 12(3).

The 2016 JFN Education Article of the Year Award was presented to Jodi Baker and team for their article entitled “SANE-A-PALOOZA: Logistical development and implementation of a clinical immersion course for sexual assault nurse examiners.” This article was co-authored by Sharon Colbert, Patricia Kelly, Kimberly Carlson, Carolyn Cordle, and Jacki Witt. The article can be found in Volume 12(4).
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**COMMISSION FOR FORENSIC NURSING CERTIFICATION**

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- Ellen Johnson, BA, RN, SANE-A, CEN, CPEN
- Patty Metzler, RN, TNS, SANE-A, SANE-P, CPN
- Andreana Overton
- Elizabeth Riley, MSN, PMHNP
- Catherine Rossi, MSN, FNP-BC, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P
- Jan Wiebe, MSN, RN, CPN, SANE-A, SANE-P
- Joyce Williams, DNP, AFN-BC, FAAFS, DF-IAFN

**APPROVERSHP**

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GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the Association’s International work in 2017 included:

- Meeting with nurses from South Korea to discuss SANE work
- Presenting on disaster preparedness at the Japan Association of Forensic Nursing Conference in Fukuoka, Japan
- Continuing collaborations with the International Association of Chiefs of Police on Gender-Based Violence
- The 2017 International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice was held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Training Peace Corps Medical Providers across the globe on medical management of the strangulation patient

IAFN has members from 25 countries as indicated below:

SPECIAL PROJECT: ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN MEXICO

IAFN partnered with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) for a year-long project addressing gender-based violence in Mexico. Six study tours, of 10 participants each, visited the United States (US) and participating professionals included judges, prosecutors, police managers, psychologists, and Women’s Justice Centers personnel. The IAFN, with other professionals in the field, provided education at the beginning of each study tour prior to participants visiting communities to observe a multidisciplinary, victim-centered approach.

The project culminated in a two-day workshop in Jalisco, Mexico, in December 2017, in which IAFN provided relevant medical forensic education. Over 200 multidisciplinary participants attended, representing 5 Mexican states.
EDUCATION

The Association offers education through live trainings, our Online Learning Center, our grant projects, and our clinical partner sites.

ONLINE LEARNING CENTER

Our Online Learning Center continued to offer Online Adult/Adolescent and Pediatric/Adolescent SANE Training, in addition to 12 new webinars. In 2017, we saw a 45% increase in the number of log ins and a 27% increase in the number of certificates earned.

Notably in 2017, IAFN partnered with Semester at Sea and the Peace Corps to provide online Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Training for their medical providers.

CONFERENCE

715 people attended the 2017 International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Attendees selected from 88 different sessions, viewed information from 18 poster presentations, and visited 27 exhibitors.

Highlights of this year’s conference included an advance showing of the I Am Evidence documentary produced by Mariska Hargitay and the first meeting of IAFN’s Indigenous Populations Community. Keynote presentation topics included Sexual Violence and Gender; Research to Advance SANE-Led Services; The Intersection of Forensic Science and the Law; and The Need for Culturally Safe Death Investigation Services.
For the 13th year, the Association continued to provide education and technical assistance regarding the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, 2nd Edition through the SAFEta Project, funded by the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. 2017 marked the second year of the KIDSta project, which provides education and technical assistance regarding the National Protocol for Sexual Abuse Medical Forensic Examinations - Pediatric.

The SAFEta and KIDSta projects support formal and informal local, state, and national multidisciplinary efforts to coordinate the response of healthcare professionals, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and victim service providers who respond to sexual assault. The SAFEta and KIDSta websites are an outreach of the project, along with the provision of training and resources for sexual assault responders.

Highlights from 2017 included:


- Participated in statewide initiatives and/or projects in AR, DC, GA, HI, LA, MI, NV, OH, and VT.

- Served on federal working groups and task forces including the SAFER ACT Advisory Group and the National Training Standards development project and review process.

- Disseminated the SANE Program Development and Operation Guide.

Through funding from the US DOJ, Office on Violence Against Women,

- 988 technical assistance requests answered
- 93 live trainings provided
- 6879 attendees trained
- 15 webinars presented
- 390 hours of training provided
TRIBAL FORENSIC HEALTHCARE TRAINING PROJECT

Since March 2013, Indian Health Service has contracted with IAFN to develop, deliver, and evaluate in-person and web-based training related to the identification, collection, and preservation of medical forensic evidence obtained during the treatment of victims of sexual and domestic violence. The Tribal Forensic Healthcare Training project provides training for Sexual Assault Examiner, Pediatric Sexual Abuse Examiner, Sexual Assault Clinical Skills, Pediatric Sexual Abuse Clinical Skills, Intimate Partner Violence Examiner, and Intimate Partner Violence Screening, as well as quarterly webinars on related topics.

In 2016, the Pediatric Pilot Program was launched with Our Kids in Nashville, TN. This two-part program consists of monthly peer reviews and 24/7 expert case review availability.

SPECIAL PROJECT: TELEMEDICINE IN INDIAN COUNTRY

EXPERT PEER REVIEW consists of a monthly review of cases between Our Kids, Four Directions Clinic and Pine Ridge Hospital. A total of 12 peer reviews were held in 2017. Each scheduled Expert Peer Review examined approximately 15 cases for a total of 180 cases.

EXPERT CASE REVIEW provides real-time review of case-specific information with acute and non-acute patients. These reviews began in November 2016 with the use of telemedicine software, Second Opinion, during case consultation. Our Kids provides 24/7 availability to Four Directions Clinic and Pine Ridge Hospital, including working with local agencies by using teleconferencing equipment.
IAFN accomplishes much of its work through partnerships and relationships with other organizations. Members and staff represent the Association on a number of advisory councils, panels, agencies, committees, and other high-profile initiatives within the nursing and forensic communities. The Association actively seeks to create formal partnerships at the organizational level with our colleagues in other parts of the world. Our partnerships include, but are not limited to:

AIDS Education and Training Centers
American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants
American College of Emergency Physicians
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
AEquitas: The Prosecutors’ Resource on Violence Against Women
American Nurses Association (as an Organizational Affiliate)
American Nurses Credentialing Center
American Nurses Foundation
Canadian Forensic Nurses Association
Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations
Drsccoll Children’s Hospital
Emergency Nurses Association
End Violence Against Women International
Evidentia Learning
Futures Without Violence
Indian Health Service
International Association of Chiefs of Police
Joyful Heart Foundation
Midwest Regional Children’s Advocacy Center
National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
Native American Children’s Alliance
National Children’s Alliance
National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse
National Center for Victims of Crime
National District Attorneys Association
National Institute of Justice
National Sexual Violence Resource Center
Nursing Organizations Alliance
NYC Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice
Our Kids Center
Resource Sharing Project
Sexual Violence Justice Initiative of Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Southwest Center for Law and Policy
Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention
University of Colorado Health – Memorial Hospital
US Dept of Justice, National Indian Country Training Initiative
US Dept of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime
US Dept of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime Training Technical Assistance Center (OVCTTAC)
US Dept of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
Vera Institute of Justice
Victims Rights Law Center
Statement of Financial Position
as of December 31, 2017

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| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS      |        |        |
| **Liabilities**                |        |        |
| Current Liabilities            |        |        |
| 2000 Accounts Payable          | $9,173  | $16,395 |
| 2010 Accrued Expenses          | $70,094 | $65,729 |
| **Total Current Liabilities**  | $79,267 | $82,124 |
| Other Current Liabilities      |        |        |
| 2100 Deferred Revenue          | $298,428 | $252,585 |
| 2200 Escrow Chapter Funds      | $86     | $86     |
| **Total Liabilities**          | $377,781 | $334,795 |
| **Net Assets**                 |        |        |
| 2830 Beginning Net Assets      | $1,360,656 | $923,894 |
| Change in Net Assets           | $246,941 | $436,761 |
| **Total Net Assets**           | $1,607,597 | $1,360,655 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** | $1,985,378 | $1,695,450 |