

# Forensic Nursing - Excellence



**Cynthia Wathen**

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**Work Setting: Clinical Supervisor of Center of Hope Forensic Nursing Team at St. Vincent Hospital and Peyton Manning Children's Hospital**

**Cindy has been a nurse for over 16 years. She came to the specialty of forensic nursing in 2010. Since that time, Cindy has completed more than 600 sexual assault examinations. This amount of clinical proficiency serves as the backbone of the Center of Hope.**

**Since assuming her role as the Clinical Supervisor of the Center of Hope earlier this year, Cindy has developed and implemented innovative programmatic systems to ensure program sustainability. Cindy's caring spirit and professionalism has earned her many accolades throughout her career.**

**Cindy is a positive, upbeat and funny individual. When she is not serving Hoosier victims impacted by violence, Cindy manages the Center of Hope and acts as a preceptor and educator within our hospital system and trains new SANEs. Under Cindy's guidance, the nurses at the Center of Hope are very dedicated to the practice of forensic nursing and are sought out for their knowledge and the quality of services they provide. This serves as a testament to Cindy's leadership, trust and dedication in motivating and inspiring these nurses to be their very best. For all of these reasons, I wish to celebrate and recognize Cindy for her contributions to forensic nursing.**