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The evolution of sexual assault examinations

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners and forensic nurses have been an active and progressive part of criminal investigations for more than twenty years. The role of the sexual assault nurse examiner has not changed in regards to how we care for patients but our role and what is expected of us after the exam has changed. The patients we treat are younger and older, the circumstances have also changed. Technology has changed the way assailants encounter their victims and technology has changed the way we examine patients following a crime.

Biography

Evangeline Barefoot is a Forensic Nurse Examiner/ Consultant at St. David's Round Rock Medical Center. 23 years as a registered nurse with primary practice as trauma nurse and sexual assault nurse examiner/ forensic nurse. Recently completed a seven year contract with State of Texas as an instructor for sexual assault nurse examiners and is currently a content expert/ consultant for the U. S. Air Force in the area of sexual assault.

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