



**CHA Issue-Based Forum**  
**Responding to Patients Who Report a Sexual Assault**  
Wednesday, February 23, 2022, from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
or  
Tuesday, March 22, 2022, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
via Zoom

**Brief Program Description:**

The unique needs of a patient who reports a sexual assault often strain an already overburdened healthcare system. Yet it remains critically important for responding healthcare personnel to understand and address those needs. It is not enough to be a skilled healthcare professional, one must provide a patient-centered clinical response while remaining an unbiased member of the evidence collection process — all while delivering care as part of a dynamic multidisciplinary team.

CHA is pleased to partner with the Connecticut Office of Victim Services to offer two opportunities for providers to participate in a two-hour virtual training that will provide a background perspective on the care of **adolescent and adult** patients who report a sexual assault, the importance of consistent care for these individuals, and an explanation of available resources such as the [State of Connecticut Technical Guidelines for Health Care Response to Patients Who Report A Sexual Assault](#).

Completion of this course will qualify in satisfying the DPH CME requirements for sexual assault training.

**Target Audience:**

This training session is designed for providers including physicians, physician assistants, and APRNs (*information on a training designed specifically for nursing staff can be accessed [here](#)*).

**Learning Objectives:**

- Discuss the healthcare perspective and initial triage considerations of the adolescent and adult patients who report a sexual assault.
- Describe how to utilize the [State of Connecticut Technical Guidelines for Health Care Response to Patients Who Report a Sexual Assault](#).

**Agenda:**

- Common Challenges to the Care of the Patient Who Reports a Sexual Assault (5 min)
- History of Standardizing Sexual Assault Care in Connecticut (15 min)
- Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) (10 min)

- Initial and Triage Considerations of the Patient Who Reports a Sexual Assault (15 min)
- Informed Consent (15 min)
- CT100B Considerations (15 min)
- Sensitivity and Cultural Considerations (10 min)
- Medical-Forensic Exam and Evidence Collection (20 min)
- Discharge and Follow-up Considerations (10 min)
- Mandatory Reporting Requirements (5 min)

**Registration Information:**

Pricing is \$30 per person. This program is open to CHA members only.

Providers have the choice of joining either a February or March session:

- Wednesday, February 23 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.; to register online, click [here](#).  
or
- Tuesday, March 22 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; to register online, click [here](#).

*Based on interest level of the February and March sessions, CHA will consider offering this session again.*

**Presenters:**

**Denise S. Covington, MBA, MSN, RN, SANE-A**

Denise S. Covington is a board-certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for Adults and Adolescents, with a background in emergency nursing. In 2010, Ms. Covington developed and implemented a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE) Program for the Connecticut Judicial Branch, Office of Victim Services, including its infrastructure and alliances with local, state and federal agencies. This program serves to ensure skilled, professional trauma-informed treatment of patients who report a sexual assault within Connecticut's acute care hospitals. Additionally, Ms. Covington has been a member of the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) since 1997, and served on the Board of Directors of the IAFN from 2019 – 2021. She Chaired the Board as President in 2020. Previously she served as Chair of the Planning Committee for the IAFN's 2016 and 2017 International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice in Denver, Colorado and Toronto, Canada, respectively.

**Patricia Moriarty, APRN, FNP-BC, SANE-A**, a board certified sexual assault forensic examiner (SAFE), has worked with the Gail Burns-Smith Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Program (SAFE Program) at the state of Connecticut Judicial Branch Office of Victim Services since 2017. In 2019, Patricia became the SAFE Program Training Manager coordinating both the SAFE Program Training as well as community sexual assault response trainings. Patricia has also functioned

clinically in the community as a family nurse practitioner since 2003 where she has cared for many individuals seeking forensic examination and evidence collection.

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### **Accreditation Statement**



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### **AXIS Contact Information**

For information about the accreditation of this program please contact AXIS at [info@axismeded.org](mailto:info@axismeded.org).

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with ineligible companies of any amount during the past 24 months:

<b>Name of Faculty or Presenter</b>	<b>Reported Financial Relationship</b>
Denise Covington	Nothing to disclose
Patricia Moriarty, APRN, FNP-BC, SANE-A	Nothing to disclose

The **directors, planners, managers and reviewers** reported the following financial relationships they have with any ineligible company of any amount during the past 24 months:

<b>Name of Planner/Manager/Reviewer</b>	<b>Reported Financial Relationship</b>
Marielle Daniels	Nothing to disclose
Christine Prestiano	Nothing to disclose
Ronald Viggiani, MD	Nothing to disclose
Dee Morgillo, MEd., MT(ASCP), CHCP	Nothing to disclose

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### **Requirements for credit:**

- Attend/participate in the educational activity and review all course materials.
- Complete the CE Declaration form online by **11:59 pm ET on March 22 for the February 23 session, and April 21 for the March 22 session**. Instructions will be provided at that time. If you do not enter the online portal by the above date, you will not be able to retrieve your statement of participation.
- Upon successful completion of the online form, your statement of completion will be presented to you to print.