

New ASPE Committee Focuses on Training Sexual Assault Responders

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Based on a need identified by Scott George's Member Liaison project, ASPE now provides a networking and educational resource for members interested in incorporating interactive teaching methods Sexual Assault Responder training.

The Sexual Assault Response Networking and Education (SARNE) committee mission is:

1. To support the members of ASPE by serving as a resource for information, research, networking and dialogue on information related to sexual assault and forensic evidence collection as these issues pertain to utilization of GTAs, MUTAs and SPs in the education of sexual assault and forensic evidence collection.
2. To advocate for utilization of GTAs and MUTAs in Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) trainings as a high quality methodology of teaching sensitive exam procedures and forensic evidence collection from a patient empowerment perspective in sexual assault trauma care.
3. To support international ASPE member programs training in sexual assault response and awareness and sexual assault forensic evidence collection.

Currently, some SANE and SAFE programs utilize GTAs during the 40-hour certificate training, but many more are not aware that this type of education modality could improve the training of forensic evidence collection.

Additionally, SARNE committee members will track their local SANE and SAFE activities to gather data that may prove useful in light of the new national regulations on simulation utilization during the SANE certificate trainings.

The SARNE is a subcommittee of the GTA/MUTA Special Interest Group, but welcomes all ASPE members. If you are interested in learning more about providing simulation for SANE or SAFE trainings, you are welcome to become a part of the GTA/MUTA SIG SARNE subcommittee.

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