

Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations


Process, Practices and Challenges

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Purpose of Today's Presentation

- To share the process realities for the crime victim and financial realities for the organizations that offer the sexual assault forensic nurse examination.
- To discuss 'best practices' established by the International Association of Forensic Nurses. 
- Special Montana challenges we face.

To Launch a New SANE Program

Have an adequate facility

- Separate waiting area and specially-equipped room for sexual assault victims ★

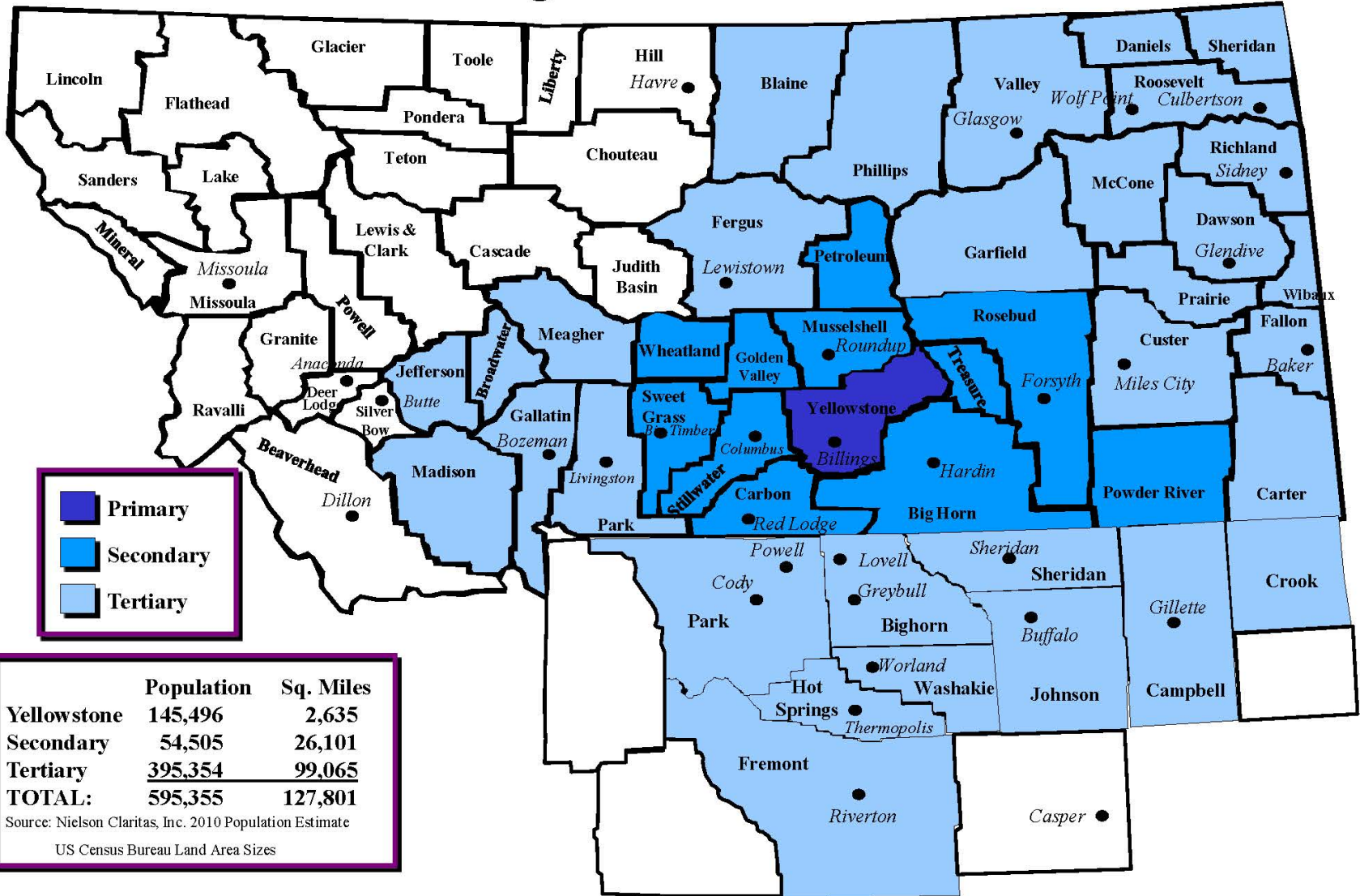
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
- Coordinator
- Reception/Triage staff know SANE procedures ★
- Trained nurses on shift or on call ★

Fixed Operational Costs

- Training: 40 hours classroom adult population training, 40 hours classroom pediatric population training, 12 hours independent DVD module for lab processes and courtroom procedures, 4 hour collaborative practice training pelvic exam/speculum training, 1-3 orientation exams ★
- Nurses on staff or on call 24/7 ★
- Full-time SANE nurse coordinator on staff in the Emergency Department

Billings Clinic Service Area

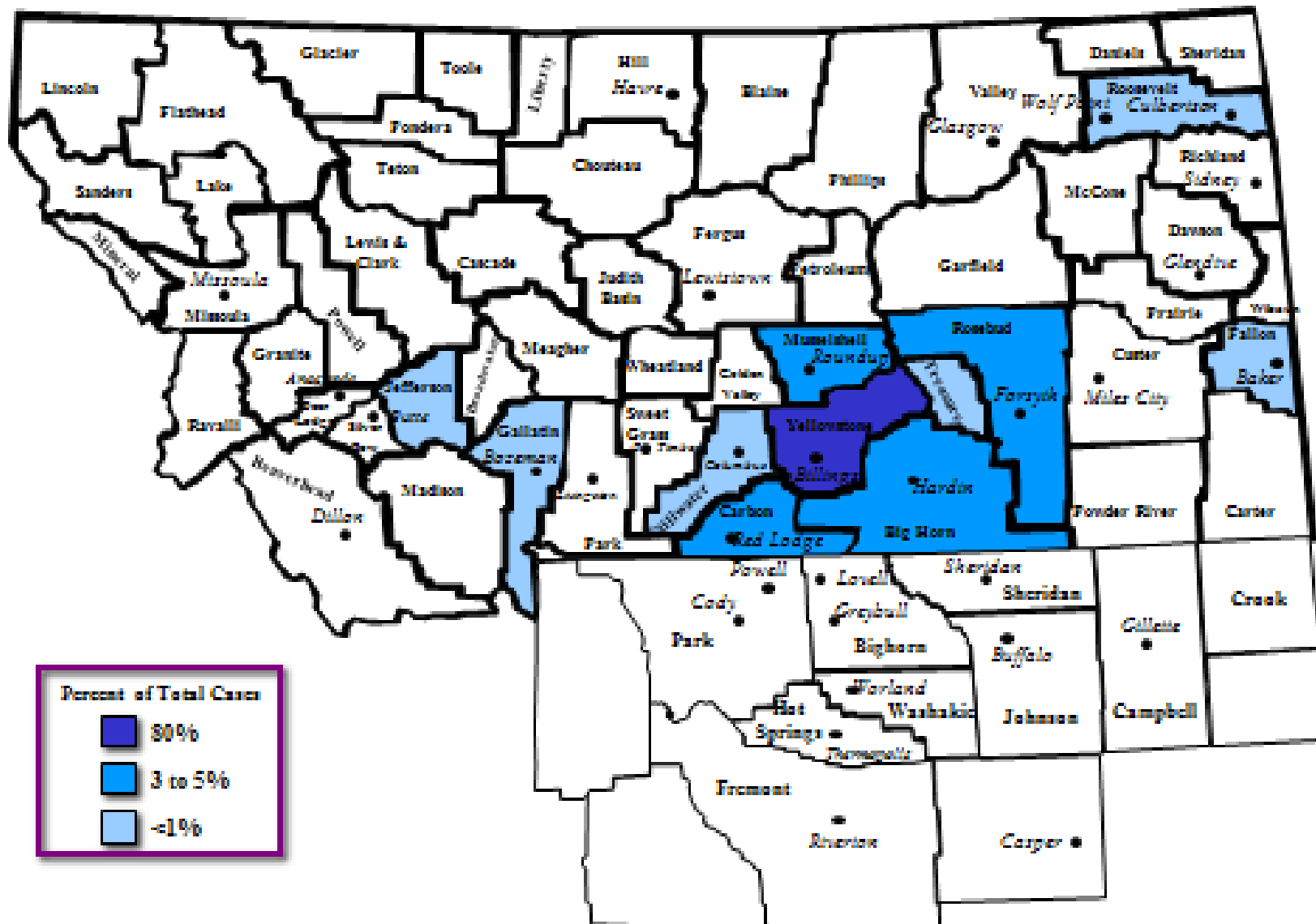


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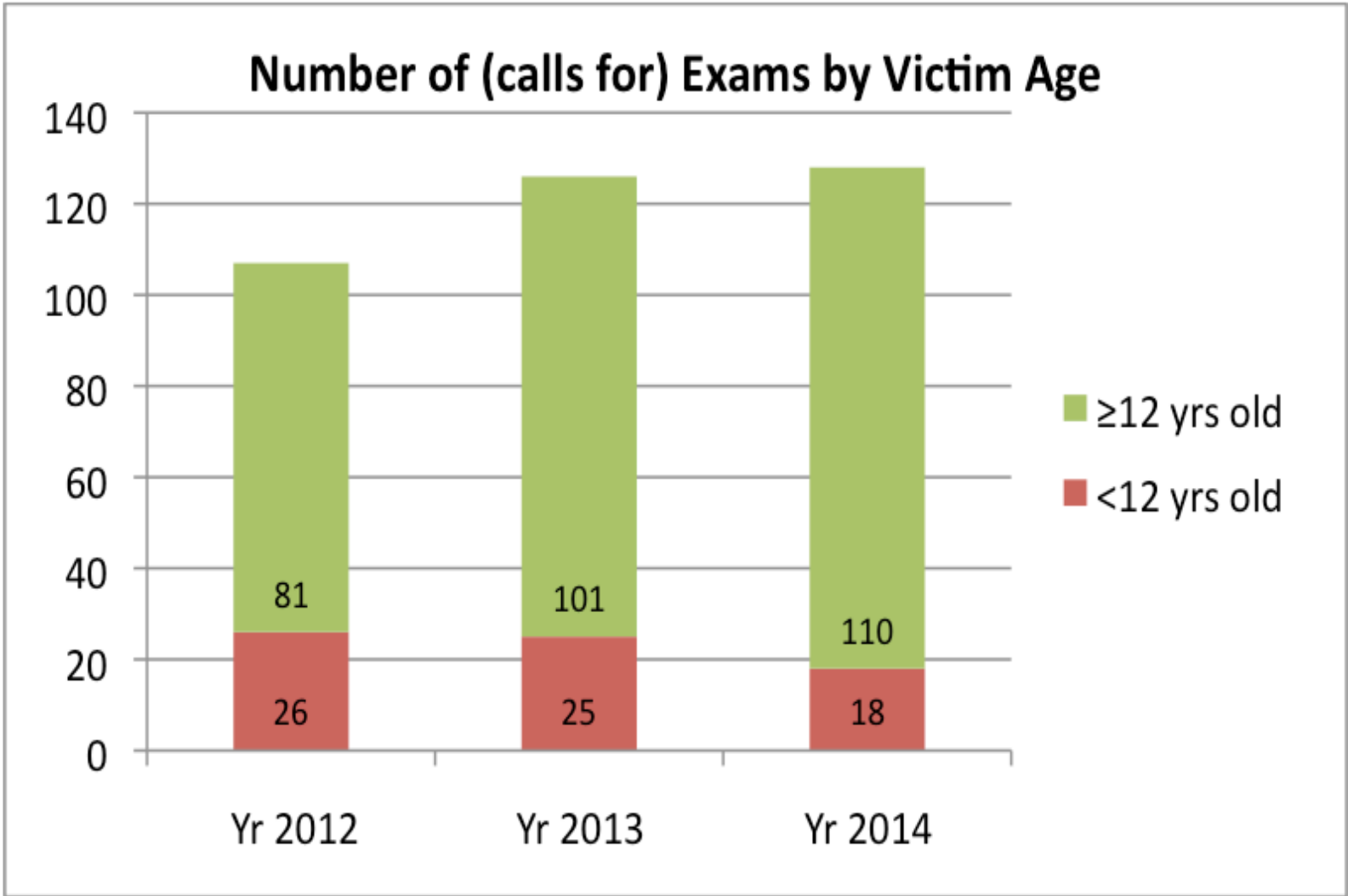
	Population	Sq. Miles
Yellowstone	145,496	2,635
Secondary	54,505	26,101
Tertiary	395,354	99,065
TOTAL:	595,355	127,801

Source: Nielson Claritas, Inc. 2010 Population Estimate
US Census Bureau Land Area Sizes

SANE Patients Served, by County, 2014



2014 Stats



Organizational Expense Per Case So Far

- Training 5 nursing staff per year @ \$2,000 each
- 3060 hours covered by coordinator @ \$80,000
- On-call nursing staff @ \$3/hour for 5,676 hours
- \$300 to perform exam, assume coordinator completes half of all exams (109)

$$(\$10,000 + \$80,000 + \$17,028 + \$32,700) / 128 =$$
$$\$1,092 \text{ per exam}$$

The Clinical Perspective

- ❖ Patient arrives to Emergency Department
- ❖ Medical **ALWAYS** supersedes forensics ★



Adult Examinations

- ❖ Duration
- ❖ Elements

Pediatric Examination

- ❖ Duration
- ❖ Elements



**SEX CRIME EVIDENCE
COLLECTION KIT**

CAT. NO. MT100

PATIENT'S NAME: _____

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY: _____

HOSPITAL: _____

EXAMINING PHYSICIAN: _____ / _____

(SIGNATURE)

(PRINT)

NURSE: _____ / _____

(SIGNATURE)

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STEP 1

MONTANA

PATIENT CONSENT FOR EXAM

**FORENSIC MEDICAL REPORT: ACUTE (<72 HOURS)
ADULT/ADOLESCENT SEX CRIME EXAMINATION**

Confidential Document

STEP 2

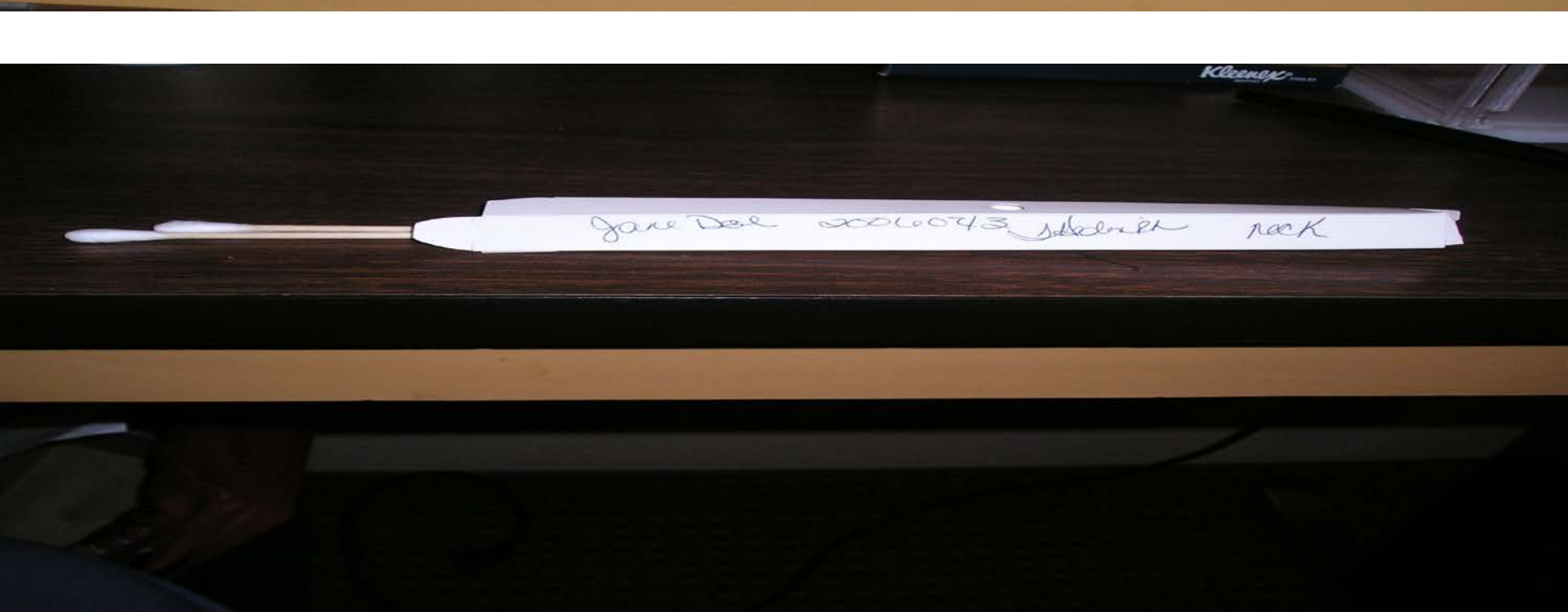
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PATIENT NARRATIVE

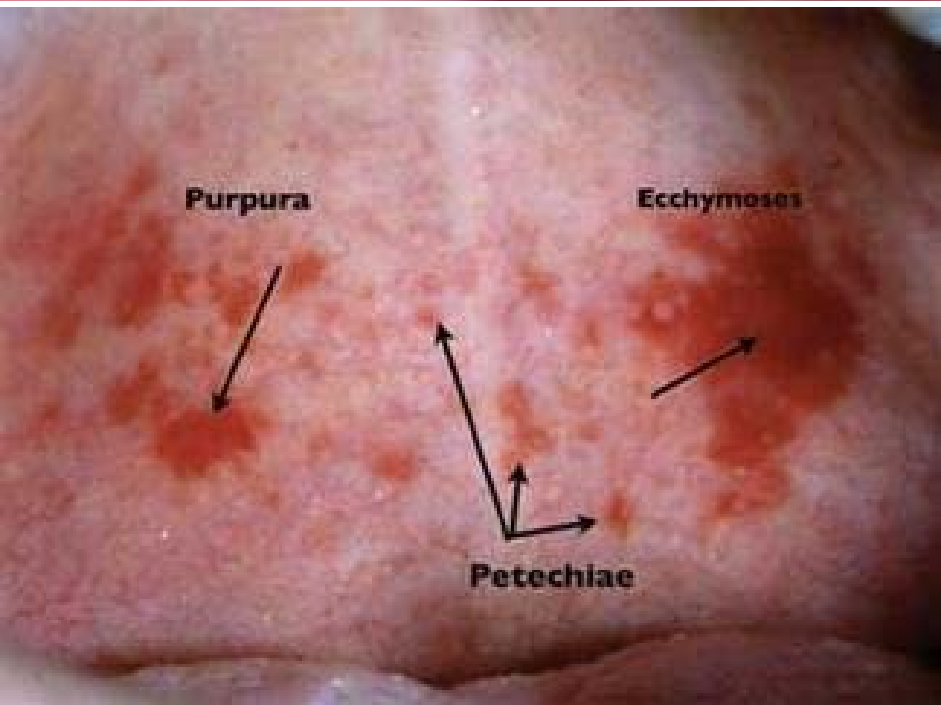
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**STEP 8- GENERAL
PHYSICAL
EXAMINATION**



Jane Doe 2006043 Kleenex rack

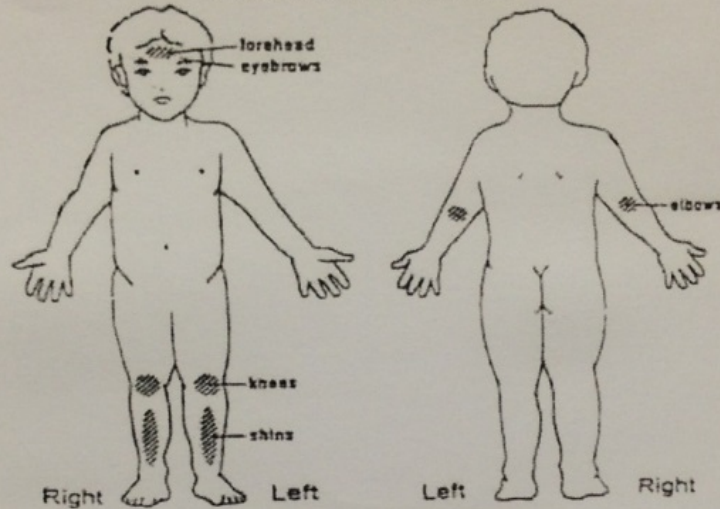




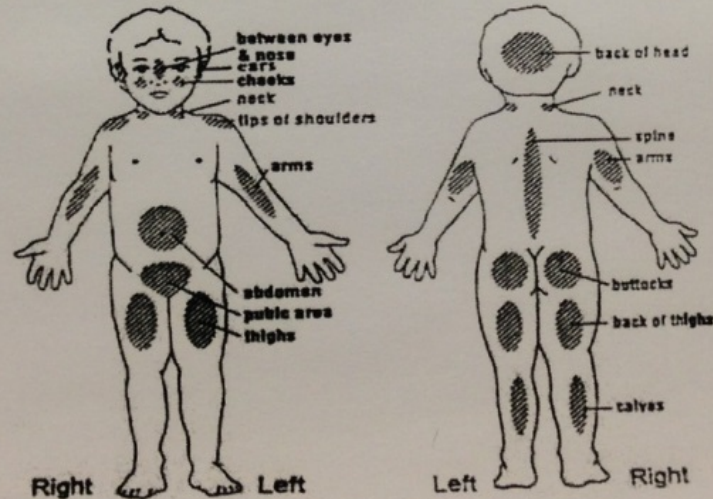


Sites for Bruising in Children

COMMON SITES FOR BRUISES



QUESTIONABLE SITES FOR BRUISES



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Patient Exam Depart Process:

❖ Depart Instructions 

❖ Rx's

❖ Follow-up 

❖ Clothing Closet

STEP 11- REPORT
SUMMARY

Forensic Nurse Duties Post-Discharge



Special Challenges and Recommendations

- ❖ Retention
- ❖ Continuing Education or New Education Costs
- ❖ Healthcare Compassion Fatigue & Burnout
- ❖ Healthcare provider shortages including primary care providers in rural Montana
- ❖ Healthcare provider commitments to full time jobs and families
- ❖ Confidential storing of sensitive information in the electronic medical record
- ❖ Confidential sharing of information with collaborative teams including law enforcement
- ❖ Special equipment needs and associated costs

Special Challenges and Recommendations

- ❖ Providing timely outpatient follow up exams or non-acute exams
- ❖ Poor Reporting, Prosecution & Conviction Rates
 - ❖ (Source: Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network)
- ❖ Reimbursement & Billing
 - ❖ (Source: <https://dojmt.gov/victims/forensic-rape-examination-payment-program>)
 - ❖ Forensic Rape Examination Payment Program (FREPP)
 - ❖ Crime Victims Compensation

Special Challenges and Recommendations

- ❖ Training & Exam Advantages
- ❖ Reporting, Prosecution & Conviction Advantages
- ❖ SANE Program Awareness
- ❖ Follow-Up Services
 - ❖ C.A.R.E.

Questions?



Sources

- ❖ **Billings Clinic SANE Department Data**
- ❖ **(Source: Rape, Abuse And Incest National Network)**
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