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HIGHLIGHTS

Received 3 grant awards from the US Dept. of Justice

Distributed \$15,000 in research funding to IAFN members

Provided 2,517 hours of nursing professional development, resulting in 104,643 contact hours earned

Achieved a 30% increase in conference attendance

Realized 3.1 million webpage views by 297,166 visitors from 100+ countries

Increased certificates awarded through the Online Learning Center by over 100%

Answered 2,103 Technical Assistance requests

(Requests for support surrounding forensic nursing policy and practice)

MEMBERSHIP

The International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) is a professional education and membership association representing more than 5600 forensic nurses and allied professionals worldwide. The Association establishes and improves standards of forensic nursing practice by fostering growth and development of the specialty. We promote increased knowledge and skills among our members and among professionals from other disciplines who are dedicated to the dissemination of knowledge about forensic nursing globally. We wish to thank all the members who volunteered on a Committee or Task Force for their work and dedication.

MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTERS

The Association closed the year with 5607 members and 23 chapters.

160 members were recognized through our Members in the News program.

ASSOCIATION WEBSITES

ForensicNurses.org (@forensicnurses)

SAFEta.org (@safeta) and KIDSta.org (@kidsta)

TribalForensicHealthcare.org

CONNECTIONS

Facebook 8,862 followers

LinkedIn 7,136 followers

Twitter 1,957 followers

YouTube 1,610 subscribers

Our weekly newsletter, Forensic Nurses News, continues to be widely read with nearly 17,000 subscribers.

294,035 new users visited ForensicNurses.org, a 17% increase from 2018.

AWARDS

The Association honored selected members and the public through its Awards Program.

Virginia A. Lynch Pioneer Award in Forensic Nursing
Zenaide Medeiros

Distinguished Fellow Award
Janice DuMont

Front Line Forensic Nurse of the Year
Janet Carroll

Ann Burgess Research Award
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Service Award
Nicole Stahlmann

Patron Award
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RESEARCH AWARDS

\$15,000 in research grants were distributed to IAFN members in 2019

- Angela Karakachian, MSN, RN, PhD
Nurses' Moral Distress as They Care for Victims of Child Maltreatment
- Amanda St. Ivany, PhD, RN
Exploratory Analysis of Acquired Brain Injuries from IPV to Guide Future Interventions
- Jocelyn Anderson, PhD, RN, SANE-A
Development of a Patient-Provider Decision Aid for HIVPEP Following Sexual Assault
- Jodie Flynn, MSN, RN, D-ABMDI, SANE-A
Life Experience of Patients Post-Sexual Assault: A Mixed Method Study



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ADVOCACY

LEADERSHIP AND LOBBY DAY



Our 2019 Leadership and Lobby days were held February 11–12, 2019. After a day of leadership training, forensic nurses from throughout the US and Canada took to Capitol Hill to talk with legislators and their staff about the issues important to forensic nurses and the patients for whom we care. More than 60 forensic nurses from the US and Canada participated in the two-day event.

2019 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

Support enacting the Survivors' Access to Supportive Care Act (SASCA)

Support funding for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Increase funding for Title VIII of the Nursing Workforce Development Program

2019 POSITION STATEMENTS

Intimate Partner Violence (January 2019)

Child Maltreatment (June 2019)

GUIDANCE TO THE FIELD

Forensic Nursing Response to Victim-Administered Evidence Kits (August 2019)

FORENSIC NURSES WEEK

Forensic Nurses Week is celebrated annually during the second week in November.

During the November 11–15, 2019 celebration, we celebrated with the theme "In every hospital. For every community. The future of care."

During Forensic Nurses Week, we gained 170 new Facebook followers and our posts reached 81,638 people. Of the people who visited our website that week, 93% viewed more than one page with the average visitor viewing 6 pages.



JOURNAL OF FORENSIC NURSING

The *Journal of Forensic Nursing* (JFN), the official journal of the International Association of Forensic Nurses, features empirical studies, review and theoretical articles, methodological and concept papers, and case reports that address the provision of care to victims and perpetrators of violence, trauma, and abuse. In 2019, Volume 14, Issues 1–4 were published. At the 2019 Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, the *Journal* presented two awards:

The **2018 JFN Clinical Article of the Year Award** was presented to Fiona Jager for her article entitled *Exploring the nurse's role in mandated treatment*. This article can be found in Volume 14(3).

The **2018 JFN Research Article of the Year Award** was presented to Dr. Stacy Drake for her article entitled *Forensic nursing state of the science: Research and practice opportunities*. The article can be found in Volume 14(1).

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564

nurses applied to take the SANE certification exams

340

nurses renewed their SANE certification

CERTIFICATION

In 2019, IAFN completed new Standard Setting Studies for the SANE-A and the SANE-P certification programs. These studies are conducted to set new passing scores.

Additionally, the Commission for Forensic Nursing Certification (CFNC) launched new exams for the SANE-A and the SANE-P certification programs.



Click to view certified SANEs by US State

COMMISSION FOR FORENSIC NURSING CERTIFICATION (CFNC)

The CFNC develops, oversees, and administers the Association's SANE-A and SANE-P certification programs. Serving as an independent and autonomous entity within the Association, the CFNC develops, evaluates, and oversees administration of all CFNC certification program policies and decisions related to certification eligibility and renewal and examination development and administration, consistent with the Association's Bylaws, mission, and policies.

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99%

of SANE renewal applications were approved

EDUCATION

The Association offers education through live trainings, our Online Learning Center, our grant projects, and our clinical partner sites.

ONLINE LEARNING

In 2019, IAFN's Online Learning Center saw an explosion in use, issuing 5,701 certificates compared to the prior year's 2,134. The most popular courses remain our 40-hour Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner course and the Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner course.

APPROVERSHP

The IAFN's Approver Unit completed its third year of approving forensic continuing nursing education programs that met the highest standards of educational planning, implementation, and evaluation as set forth by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

CONFERENCE

2019 was a banner year, with a 30% increase in the number of attendees to our annual International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice in New Orleans, Louisiana. More than 1200 people attended sessions, choosing from 143 presenters. Attendees earned up to 22 contact hours.

Additionally, IAFN launched a conference app for attendees, which offered note taking, networking, CE tracking, and schedule management all from the convenience of their phones.

5701

online learning
certificates
awarded

51%

increase in students
completing IAFN's
Online Pediatric/
Adolescent SANE
Course

454

hours of nursing
professional
development were
approved

97

opportunities to
earn contact
hours

14,073

hours of nursing
professional
development
completed

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

American Samoa: IAFN provided a 40-hour Adolescent/Adult SANE training to doctors and nurses in American Samoa in August 2019. While there, IAFN coordinated with advocacy, law enforcement, and prosecutors to provide training and offer networking opportunities between the clinicians and the community partners. A clinical skills training will follow in early 2020.

In 2019, IAFN had members from 32 countries and territories as indicated below:



SPECIAL PROJECT: ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN MEXICO

The IAFN was a partnering organization with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) for a multi-year project addressing sexual and gender-based violence in Mexico funded by the US Department of State – INL Merida Initiative. The IAFN provided education on intimate partner violence, neurobiology of trauma, strangulation, and sexual violence for five delegations visiting from Mexico. Delegations included judges, prosecutors, police managers, psychologists, and Women’s Justice Centers personnel. After initial education, participants visited US communities and interacted with functioning Sexual Assault Response Teams to experience a multidisciplinary community approach to sexual and gender-based violence.

2103

technical assistance
requests answered

118

trainings provided

5202

attendees trained

247

hours of training provided

149,187

website page views

8

presentations at partner
conferences

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT - ADULT AND PEDIATRIC

For the 14th year, the Association continued to provide education and technical assistance regarding the *National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, 2nd Edition* through the SAFEta Project, funded by the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. 2019 marked the third year of education and technical assistance regarding the *National Protocol for Sexual Abuse Medical Forensic Examinations - Pediatric*.

The SAFEta project supports formal and informal local, state, and national multidisciplinary efforts to coordinate the response of healthcare professionals, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and victim service providers who respond to sexual assault.

Highlights from 2019 include:

- Reviewed state-level protocols and practices in Ohio, Vermont, and Virginia
- Provided training and technical assistance to Michigan State University's Relationship and Sexual Misconduct Task Force as they began building their unique campus-based community SANE program
- Worked with AEquitas to revise the *National Prosecution of Domestic Violence in Indian Country* curriculum

- Partnered with the National Advocacy Center to provide our popular SANE testimony training. More than 140 people applied for the 40 available slots.
- Began monthly meetings for Statewide SANE coordinators to identify priority areas for training and technical assistance

SAFETA PROJECT (CONTINUED)

- Provided sexual assault medical forensic exam training for the Navajo and surrounding Arizona tribes
- At the request of the US DOJ, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), IAFN hosted a webinar on the Forensic-Medical and Advocacy Services for Tribes' request for proposals and provided technical assistance to those applying.
- Presented at numerous conferences and events, including the National SART Leadership conference, the International Symposium on Child Abuse, and OVW's Improving the Criminal Justice Response grantee orientation
- Worked with the Prison Rape Elimination Act Resource Center and Impact Justice to present on collaboration in prison rape cases
- Continued our work with the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC) to present the SOAR for SANE Training
- Presented a webinar for the SAKI (Sexual Assault Kit Initiative) project with AEquitas on sexual assault on Forensic Evidence and Chain of Custody

EXAM PAYMENT PROJECT

This OVW-funded project provides training and technical assistance related to improving access to and payment for sexual assault medical forensic examinations, including examinations of patients who do not wish to report the crime to law enforcement at the time of the exam.

In 2019, the project provided six trainings and developed a comprehensive set of web pages. These include a map that links to every state, territory, the District of Columbia, and the Military. Each page includes a summary of that state's medical forensic exam billing and payment process, coordination with healthcare, and various links to crime victims compensation information.

6

trainings provided

950

attendees trained

60

webpages developed

GRANT PROJECTS

TRAINING STANDARDS PROJECT

In 2019, IAFN began work on the OVW-funded Training Standards Curriculum Project with the goal of creating an interactive online learning program for non-SANE/SAFE healthcare clinicians (nurses, physicians, PAs, and general ER staff) who provide emergency health care for victims of sexual assault. IAFN collaborated with multiple partnering agencies to develop content for these clinicians and facilities that are unable to obtain SANE/SAFE training or unable to support creating and sustaining a SANE/SAFE Program. This curriculum incorporates the *Appendix C: Minimum Training Recommendations* from the *National Training Standards for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examiners (2nd ed)*.

NATIONAL INDIAN COUNTRY CLEARINGHOUSE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT (NICCSA)

In 2019, IAFN was awarded funding for an OVW Special Initiative as a part of the congressionally mandated National Indian Country Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault (NICCSA). The project is a component of a larger NICCSA project, and focuses on sexual assault in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The focus for IAFN's NICCSA project is targeted mainly in Alaska Native communities, where the response to sexual assault is limited due to geographic isolation and limited resources. Working in concert with the OVW Tribal Unit project manager, IAFN staff attended the Alaska Project Implementation workshop in December in Anchorage, AK. This project was still in the planning stages at the close of 2019.

TELESAFE

In September 2019, IAFN received a grant to provide technical assistance to four OVC demonstration sites using Telehealth to provide sexual assault forensic exams. IAFN began by setting up private electronic communities for each site to allow for communication, discussion, and resource distribution. After beginning monthly videoconferencing meetings, it quickly became clear that sites varied significantly in their equipment, policies, clinical training needs, but also in the number and location of the clinical sites they planned to launch. Monthly meetings were established with OVC and the grant subject matter expert partners. In December 2019, IAFN began developing a needs assessment. The results will inform future work.

TRIBAL FORENSIC HEALTHCARE TRAINING PROJECT

Since March 2013, the Indian Health Service has contracted with IAFN to develop, deliver, and evaluate in-person and web-based training related to the identification, collection, and preservation of medical forensic evidence obtained during the treatment of victims of sexual and domestic violence. The Tribal Forensic Healthcare Training project provides training for Sexual Assault Examiner, Pediatric Sexual Abuse Examiner, Sexual Assault Clinical Skills, Pediatric Sexual Abuse Clinical Skills, Intimate Partner Violence Examiner, and Intimate Partner Violence Screening, as well as quarterly webinars on related topics.

In 2019, the project hosted a 1/2 day course from Dr. Jacqueline Campbell on her Danger Assessment. Upon completion, attendees were qualified to take the Danger Assessment Administration exam. IHS also provided funding for 400 IHS-employed medical professionals to take the Danger Assessment Certification Examination.

39

trainings provided

56

**healthcare providers
completed clinical skills
training**

1307

attendees trained

SPECIAL PROJECT: TELEMEDICINE IN INDIAN COUNTRY

The Tribal Forensic Healthcare partnered with Our Kids in Nashville, TN to launch a Telemedicine Program in 2016. This project has two components: an expert peer review process and expert case review.

EXPERT PEER REVIEW consists of a monthly review of cases between Our Kids, Four Directions Clinic, and Pine Ridge Hospital. In 2019, 12 peer review panels reviewed 79 cases.

EXPERT CASE REVIEW provides real-time review of case-specific information with acute and non-acute patients. These reviews are performed with the use of telemedicine software, Second Opinion, during case consultation. Our Kids provides 24/7 availability to Four Directions Clinic and Pine Ridge Hospital, including working with local agencies by using teleconferencing equipment.

PARTNERSHIPS

AIDS Education and Training Centers

[Arkansas State Crime Lab](#)

American Association of Legal Nurse
Consultants

[American College of Emergency Physicians](#)

American Professional Society on the Abuse of
Children

[AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on
Violence Against Women](#)

American Nurses Association (as an
Organizational Affiliate)

[American Nurses Credentialing Center](#)

Boston Area Rape Crisis Center

[Canadian Forensic Nurses Association](#)

Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations

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Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center

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[National Committee for the Prevention of Elder
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Native American Children's Alliance

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Our Kids Center

[Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape](#)

Research Triangle Institute (RTI)

[Resource Sharing Project](#)

Sexual Violence Justice Initiative of

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

[Southwest Center for Law and Policy](#)

University of Arizona

[University of South Alabama](#)

University of Colorado Health – Memorial
Hospital

[US Dept of Justice, National Indian Country
Training Initiative](#)

US Dept of Justice, Office for Victims of
Crime

[US Dept of Justice, Office for Victims of
Crime Training Technical Assistance Center
\(OVCTTAC\)](#)

US Dept of Justice, Office on Violence
Against Women

[US Department of State](#)

US Department of Health and Human

Services' National Human Trafficking
Training and Technical Assistance Center
(NHTTAC)

[Vera Institute of Justice](#)

Statement of Financial Position

as of December 31, 2019

	December 2019	December 2018
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments	\$ 308,546	\$ 237,351
Grants and Other Receivable Inventory	2,230,181	1,722,178
Fixed Assets, net	376,586	322,864
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	16,116	23,329
	-	-
	27,168	30,089
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,958,597	\$ 2,335,811
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 68,169	\$ 67,439
Accrued Expenses	33,803	93,794
Deferred Revenue	141,584	305,264
Other Liabilities	2,045	7,754
Total Liabilities	245,601	474,250
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	2,712,997	1,861,561
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 2,958,597	\$ 2,335,811



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