



Forensic Nursing

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)

Preservation of evidence

If you experience a sexual assault, we encourage that you do not:

- Shower or bathe
- Brush your teeth
- Change your clothes
- Consume any liquids

All of the above activities can destroy the required evidence needed for collection during the exam. This evidence will assist in building and supporting your case. Evidence for a Sexual Assault Examination should be collected within five days after an assault. The sooner the exam is completed, the greater the chance of obtaining evidence.

Other important phone numbers

Crisis Center: 785-539-2785

Riley County Police Department: 785-537-2112

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

Ascension Via Christi Hospital

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We are here for you

Sexual assault is any type of sexual activity or contact that occurs without consent. Sexual assault can happen through physical force or by threats of force. The victim most often knows the individual who commits the assault and can be a significant other, date, friend, or acquaintance. Less often, a stranger may commit the assault, or the victim does not remember the events of the assault.

Ascension Via Christi Hospital participates in a community-based collaborative response for all victims of sexual assault.

To request an exam, you can:

- Go to the Emergency Room and request an sexual assault examination.
- If you reported the assault to law enforcement, they will contact the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) to coordinate the exam.

All steps of the process will be explained prior to being completed. You have the right to deny any portion of the exam. During the exam, the patient is welcome to have a support person in the room or in the waiting room. The patient is in complete control of the examination. We welcome and encourage questions.

Services offered

- Immediate medical care by a trained Emergency Room physician
- Forensic examination with a trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)
- Advocacy support from the Crisis Center
- Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) preventative treatment
- Assistance with coordinating follow-up care and support
- Follow-up contact from the SANE program

Ascension Via Christi SANE program: 785-323-6880



You have a choice

Reported Sexual Assault Kit

Consenting to a reported kit collection allows healthcare officials to disclose documentation and collected evidence to the appropriate law enforcement officials. With a Reported Kit, the victim will speak with an officer and/or a detective to provide a statement and a case will be initiated.

Non-Reported Sexual Assault Kit

When consenting to a non-reported sexual assault kit, an unidentifiable number will be assigned to the collected evidence. Evidence will be packaged accordingly and mailed to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in Topeka where it will remain for up to five years. During this time, you have the right to take the identification number to the police department and formally place a report.