

Regional Sexual Assault Patient Referral Process Guideline

For Sexual Assault Victims meeting Trauma Alert Criteria transfer to the appropriate Trauma Center.

****Medical Screening Exam MUST be conducted before contacting SANE Program****

- Medical/Psychiatric stabilization takes priority over evidence collection.
- A SANE exam is not medically necessary for clearance.
- ED-ED transfer is not required for the exam.

All SANE exams require survivor (adult and pediatric) consent

- Facility required to follow mandated reporting requirements.
- Sharing of information to follow all laws and regulations prioritizing patient consent.
- Patient care can continue to be supported despite consent status.
- Survivors have 5 days (120 hours) to complete evidence collection.

*Note: Adult patients 18-65 years old can decline law enforcement involvement.

Contacting SANE

- UMC Adults: 915-521-7735 Pediatric EPCH call AOD first: 915- 242-8577
- WBAMC: 915-892-8863, 915-892-8510 (for all ages) WBAMC ER charge RN: 915-838-4750

****Leave a message if SANE staff is immediately unavailable****

Early involvement of forensic experts allows for an individualized plan of care including review of anticipated medical/psychiatric care and discharge planning. Offer SANE recommended testing and treatment along with medical/psychiatric needs.

Admit, Transfer, or Discharge

- If admitted as an inpatient to a SAFE facility, discuss the exam plan with SANE.
- If medically stable without concerns for delay in care, may discharge and self-transport via POV to a SAFE facility.
- If an adult is discharged from ED after the SANE exam, refer for follow-up with SANE RN in 48 hours, Primary Care Provider, or El Paso Health Department.
- If a pediatric discharged from ED after a SANE exam, refer for follow-up to (Child Abuse Resources Education Services Clinic) C.A.R.E.S clinic (915) 242-8560 or Pediatrician.

Resource Addendum

Texas Health and Human Services SANE documents:

- Document name in English: Information for Survivors of Sexual Assault Non- SAFE Ready Facility
Document Link: [Information for Survivors of Sexual Assault Non-SAFE-Ready Facility \(texas.gov\)](https://www.texas.gov/information-for-survivors-of-sexual-assault-non-safe-ready-facility)
- Document name in Spanish: Información para víctimas de agresión sexual atendidas en Centros no participantes del programa SAFE
Document Link: [Información para víctimas de agresión sexual atendidas en Centros no participantes del programa SAFE \(texas.gov\)](https://www.texas.gov/informacion-para-victimas-de-agresion-sexual-atendidas-en-centros-no-participantes-del-programa-safe)

Regional Contacts for SANE Services:



All ages.

SANE nurses are available 24/7
365 days a year.

Location: 4815 Alameda Ave., El Paso TX 79905

Phone Number: (915) 521-7735

Additional Contact Information:
(800) 252-5400 CPS Hotline for Children and Adult Protective Services



EPCH AOD: (915) 996-8174 or
(915) 242-8577

C.A.R.E.S Clinic (Child Abuse Resources Education Services Clinic)

Location: 4845 Alameda Ave., El Paso TX 79905

Phone Number: 915-242-8560

Additional Contact Information:
(800) 252-5400 CPS Hotline for Children Protective Services



All ages.

William Beaumont Army Medical Center- Fort Bliss

Location: 18511 Highlander Medics St. Fort Bliss, TX 79918

Phone number:
Letty Sprinkle-915-892-8863
Monica Diaz-915-892-8510

**SEXUAL
ASSAULT
VICTIM
ALGORITHM**

Sexual assault (SA) or abuse event occurs, patient either self-presents to the hospital, or calls 911 and is transported to the hospital.

Medical Screening Exam

Does the patient present with traumatic injuries

YES

NO

Provide appropriate trauma care or transfer to higher level of care if needed.

SA < 120 hours; wants to report to law enforcement & wants SANE forensic exam.

SA < 120 hours; does not want to report to law enforcement but wants SA forensic exam non-report

SA: does not want to report to law enforcement or SA forensic exam.

Safe Ready Facilities
Adult and Pediatric
UMC/EPCH
WBAMC (military beneficiaries)

Patient agrees to transfer: Call for possible transfer to SAFE READY Facility

Patient declines transfer for sexual assault exam.

Provide treatment and discharge with resources

Call XXX for evaluation of possible on-call SANE nurse.

Examination conducted by trained staff at ED where the patient is present.