

# **SAFE-T Center**

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION TELEHEALTH (SAFE-T)

# IMPROVING ACCESS TO QUALITY SEXUAL ASSAULT CARE

Sexual violence is a public health crisis. We know how to respond to trauma to help victims on a path of healing and justice from day one. Care delivered by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) has been shown to improve physical and mental health outcomes for survivors. Yet many across the country, especially marginalized groups and those living in rural communities, do not have access to expert care that promotes healing and justice.

### THE PROBLEM: DISPARITIES IN QUALITY SEXUAL ASSAULT CARE

- One in five women experience completed or attempted rape and nearly 25% of men experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetime, the majority of which occurs prior to age 25.
- Marginalized groups are disproportionately at risk for SA.<sup>2-9</sup>
- The substantial impact of sexual trauma on short- and long-term health, including mental health issues, greater burden of chronic disease and premature death, is well established.
- Sexual violence has steep societal costs with an estimated population economic burden of \$3.1 trillion (in 2014 U.S. dollars). 14

### THE SOLUTION: SAFE-T SYSTEM

Healing and justice begin at the point of care. SAFE-T System enhances equitable access to expert, telehealth-enabled SANE care in marginalized, rural, and impacted communities. We know how to sustainably grow this solution so that every victim, regardless of economic status, race, or geographical location, can be assured high-quality SANEs

# **INCREASE SUPPLY & DISTRIBUTION OF SANES**



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#### **KEY EVIDENCE**

SAFE-T System has a positive impact on patient recovery and healing, with 92% reporting they felt better after the examination. Hospitals can be designated as a "SAFE Place" and partner with TeleSANE solutions to ensure everyone has access to expert care.

### TRIPLED PATIENT VOLUME AT PARTNER HOSPITALS



# **ACCEPTABILITY OF TELEHEALTH BY PATIENTS**

of eligible patients consented to forensic telehealth examination

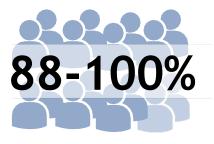
of patients rated their care as "excellent" or "very good"

# **FASING PRF-EXAMINATION WORRIES**



of patients expressed at least one worry prior to their sexual assault examination

#### **WORRIES RESOLVED WITH SAFE-T EXAM**



pre-examination worries were alleviated (not experienced) during the SAFE-T System examination

# LOCAL NURSE RETENTION





76% retention of nurses trained and supported by SAFE-T System after one year (versus 2-year national retention rate of 7%)

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