

## Assessing Patient Readiness for Adult/Adolescent SANE Examination

### SANE Determines from Patient's Primary Nurse if Patient Meets Criteria for SANE Exam:

1. The patient is 12 years of age or older,
2. The assault occurred within 5 days/120 hours,
3. Patient is awake, alert, coherent and able to consent and participate in a 3-4 hour SANE exam,
4. Patient has been medically cleared by an ED Medical Provider (including but not limited to the patient being treated for head trauma, strangulation, injuries/fractures, lacerations, substance overdose),
5. Hospital staff have explained what a forensic exam entails (See MA SANE Script) AND the patient consents to SANE care.

Yes, the patient meets criteria for SANE services.

The patient is **not** awake, coherent or able to consent to SANE Exam, or is not medically cleared.

**Instruct Primary Nurse to re-page SANE when patient is:**

- Awake, coherent, and able to consent to SANE exam
- AND medically cleared

The patient does not meet criteria for SANE services based on age, declination of services or timeframe of assault.

- Refer Primary Nurse to MA SANE Script for further guidance.
- Encourage RCC notification if not present.
- Provide guidance related to mandated reporting and medical follow-up.

### SANE asks Primary Nurse:

- Has the patient had any acute psychiatric/behavioral/safety issues prior to arrival or during their time in the ED, that have caused a risk to themselves or others, or required physical and/or chemical restraints or other medication management?
  - Does the patient require 1:1 observation status?
- (An affirmative response to these questions does not, by itself, exclude a patient from a SANE exam)

#### If Yes:

- Discuss safety
  - If patient on 1:1 status, ensure in place before exam
  - Contact Regional Coordinator for additional guidance, as needed

### Ask if patient's primary language is other than English

#### If Yes:

- Request staff member print translated Form 1 and Form 7 in patient's language from SANE website

### SANE may proceed to hospital

Upon arrival contact Regional Coordinator for further guidance as needed.