MA SANE PROGRAM

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.**

Yes, the patient meets criteria for SANE services.

Assessing Patient Readiness for Adult/Adolescent SANE Examination

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**

**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.

**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.