

**MA SANE PROGRAM**  
**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.

**SANE may proceed to hospital**

- Upon arrival contact Regional Coordinator for further guidance as needed.