



DELAWARE FORENSIC PROGRAMS

INTRODUCTIONS:
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Christiana Hospital

Newark Campus



Wilmington Hospital

Nemours – Jennifer Cooper





Dawn Culp
KENT & SUSSEX ED



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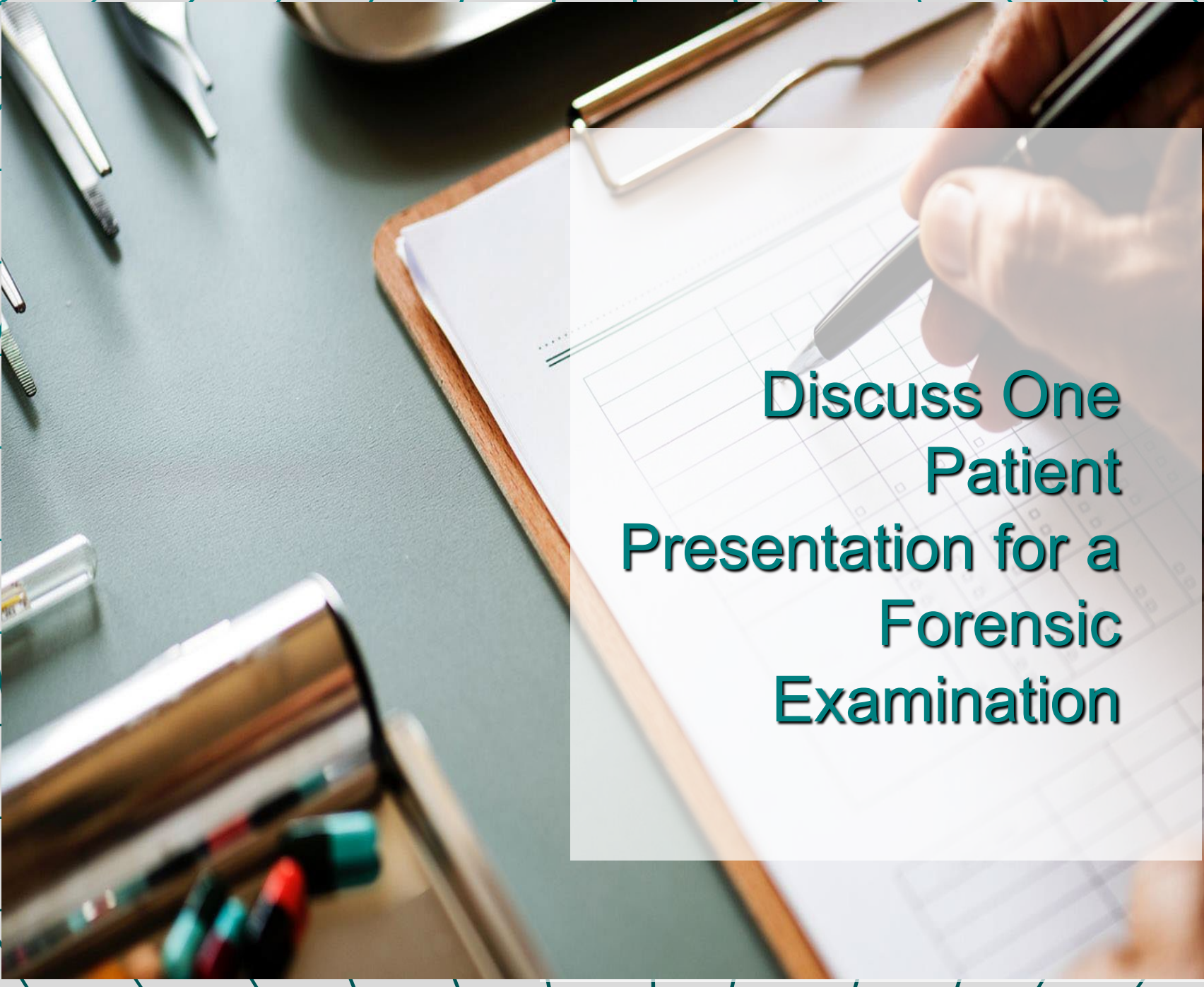


Dana “Niki” Morris



Jaclyn “Jackie” Sanders



The background image shows a close-up of a hand holding a black pen, writing on a white sheet of paper with a grid pattern. The paper is on a wooden clipboard. The scene is set on a dark green surface. In the background, there are various items: a pair of pliers, a pair of scissors, a small clear container, and a stack of colorful pens or markers. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the title text in a bold, teal-colored font.

Discuss One Patient Presentation for a Forensic Examination



ChristianaCare Forensic Program

Newark Campus
4755 Ogletown-Stanton Rd
Newark, DE 19718
302-733-4799 24/7

Wilmington Campus
501 W 14th St
Wilm, DE 19801
302-320-1099 (M-F 7am-7pm)

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FORENSIC NURSES CARE FOR VICTIMS OF:

- Intimate Partner Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Child abuse/Maltreatment
- Human Trafficking
- Elder/dependent adult abuse and neglect
- Strangulation
- Gunshot and stabbing wounds

**2024 Statistics:
ChristianaCare
Forensic team**

Intimate Partner Violence-750

Sexual Assaults-357

Trauma -749 *(including 188 GSW, 116 PS & 261 STR)*

Elder/dependent adult abuse/neglect- 286

Child Maltreatment-130

Child Sexual Assault-10

Total= 2,282



****Photographs were included in the in-person presentation but have been removed from the shared version to protect patients' rights.***

Nemours – Jennifer Cooper

- **Child Hypersexual Behaviors**
- **Ages of Consent**
- **And Exploitation**



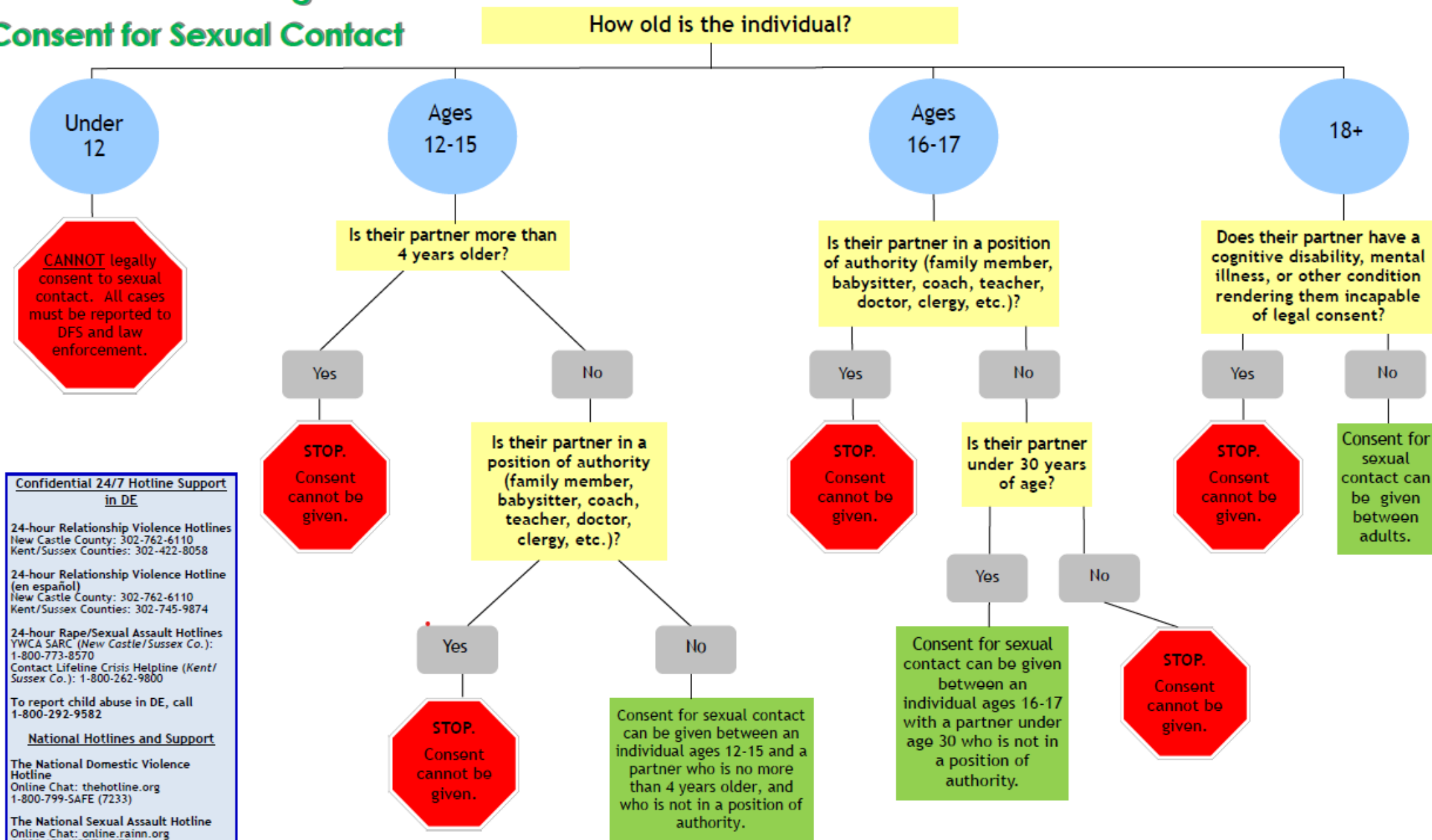
What is child maltreatment?

- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse/Assault
 - Trafficking and Exploitation
- Emotional/Psychological Abuse
- Medical Child Abuse
- Death/Trauma
- Neglect
 - Failure by a caretaker, either deliberately or through negligence or inability, to take actions necessary to provide a child with minimally adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, supervision, emotional stability and growth or other essential care; provided, however, that such inability is not due solely to inadequate economic resources or to the existence of a handicapping condition

Sexual Behaviors in Children

Common, normal behaviors	Less common normal behaviors	Uncommon behaviors in children	Rarely normal
Touching/masturbating genitals in public or private	Rubbing body against others	Asking a peer or adult to engage in specific sexual act (s)	Any sexual behaviors involving children who are 4 or more years apart
Viewing or touching peer or new sibling's genitals	Trying to insert tongue in mouth when kissing	Inserting objects into genitals	A variety of sexual behaviors displayed on a daily basis
Showing genitals to peers	Touching a peer's or an adult's genitals	Explicit imitation of sexual intercourse	Sexual behavior that results in emotional distress or physical pain
Standing/sitting too close	Crude mimics of movements associated with sexual acts	Touching animal genitals	Sexual behaviors associated with other physically aggressive behavior
Tries to view peers or adults nude	Sexual behaviors that are occasional but persistent and disruptive to others	Sexual behaviors that are frequently disruptive to others	Sexual behaviors that involve coercion
Behaviors are transient, not very frequent and can be easily diverted	Behaviors are transient and moderately responsive to distraction	Behaviors that persist and are resistant to parental distraction	Behaviors are persistent and child becomes angry if distracted

How to Determine Age of Consent for Sexual Contact



Confidential 24/7 Hotline Support in DE

24-hour Relationship Violence Hotlines
New Castle County: 302-762-6110
Kent/Sussex Counties: 302-422-8058

24-hour Relationship Violence Hotline (en español)
New Castle County: 302-762-6110
Kent/Sussex Counties: 302-745-9874

24-hour Rape/Sexual Assault Hotlines
YWCA SARC (New Castle/Sussex Co.): 1-800-773-8570
Contact Lifeline Crisis Helpline (Kent/Sussex Co.): 1-800-262-9800

To report child abuse in DE, call 1-800-292-9582

National Hotlines and Support

The National Domestic Violence Hotline
Online Chat: thehotline.org
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

The National Sexual Assault Hotline
Online Chat: online.rainn.org
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

Love is Respect Teen Hotline
866-331-9474
Text: LOVEIS to 22522

Child Exploitation

- CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children)
 - CSAM
 - Survival Sex
 - Exploitation vs. Trafficking



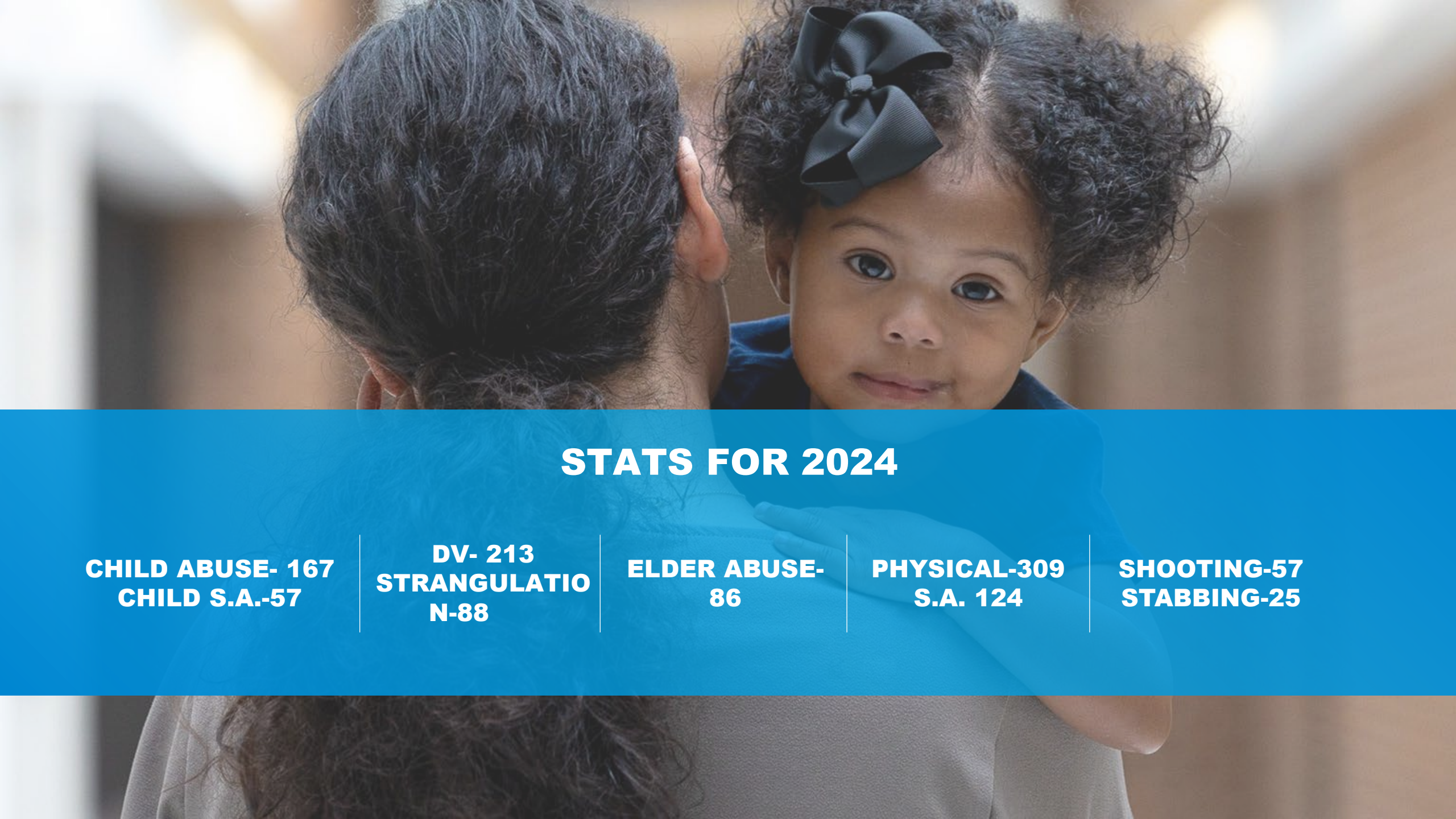
Sex + Something of Value = Sexual Exploitation

Sex + Something of Value + Third Party (Trafficker) = Sex Trafficking



Dawn Culp
DV/IPV



A photograph of a woman with dark, curly hair seen from the back, holding a young girl. The girl has dark, curly hair with a large black bow and is looking towards the camera. The image is partially obscured by a blue banner at the bottom.

STATS FOR 2024

CHILD ABUSE- 167
CHILD S.A.-57

DV- 213
STRANGULATION
N-88

ELDER ABUSE-
86

PHYSICAL-309
S.A. 124

SHOOTING-57
STABBING-25

**EMT'S/PARAMEDICS/HOSPITAL
STAFF/POLICING/DETECTIVES/DOJ/VICTIM
SERVICES/AFTERCARES SERVICES/DOJ VICTIM ADVOCATES**

**PRE
HOSPITAL**

HOSPITAL

DOJ

SENTENCING

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Dana “Niki” Morris

Strangulation



Jaclyn “Jackie” Sanders

Sexual Assault

Spanish Speaking

Nanticoke Forensic Nurse Program



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Seaford, DE 19973

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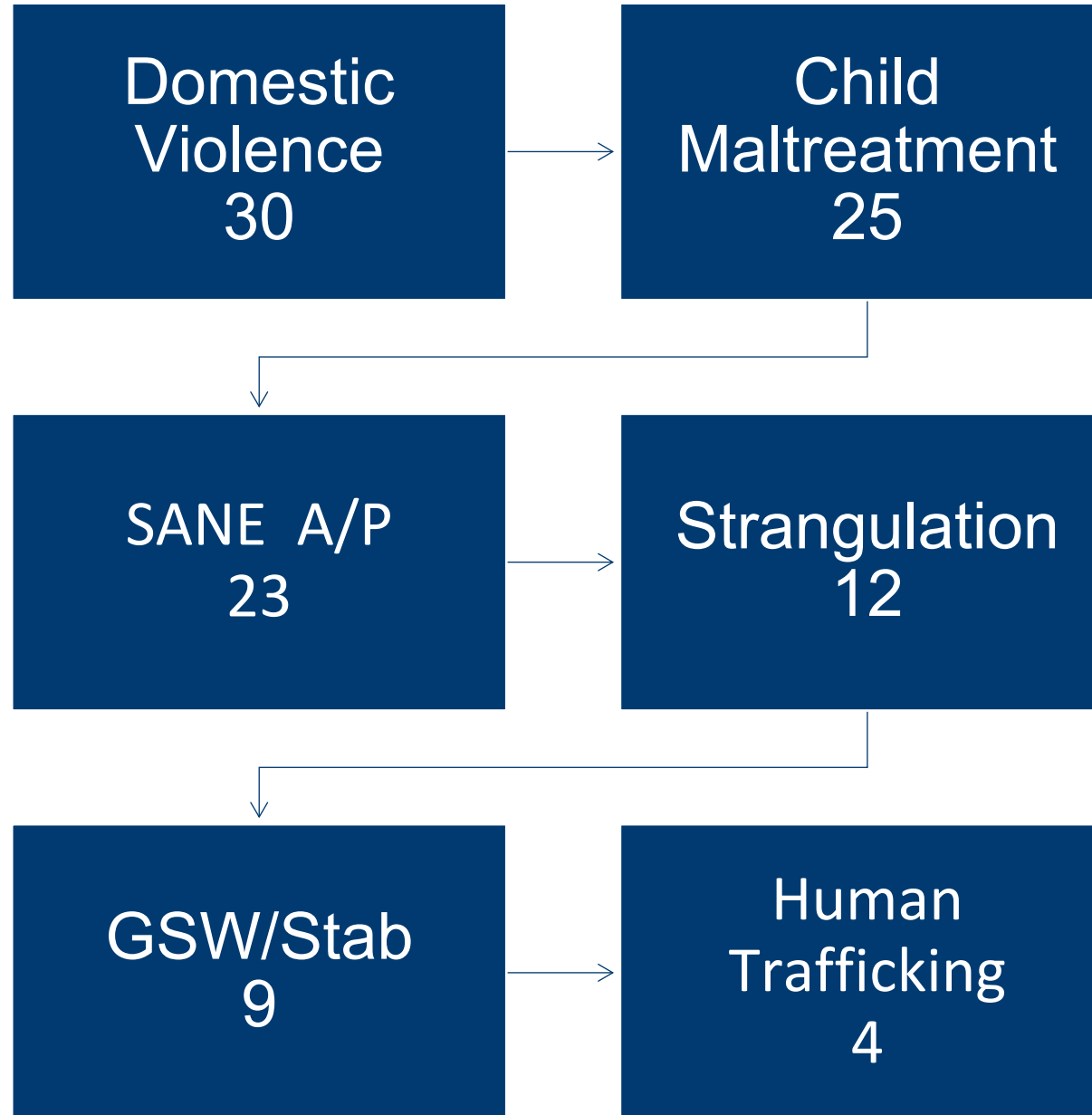
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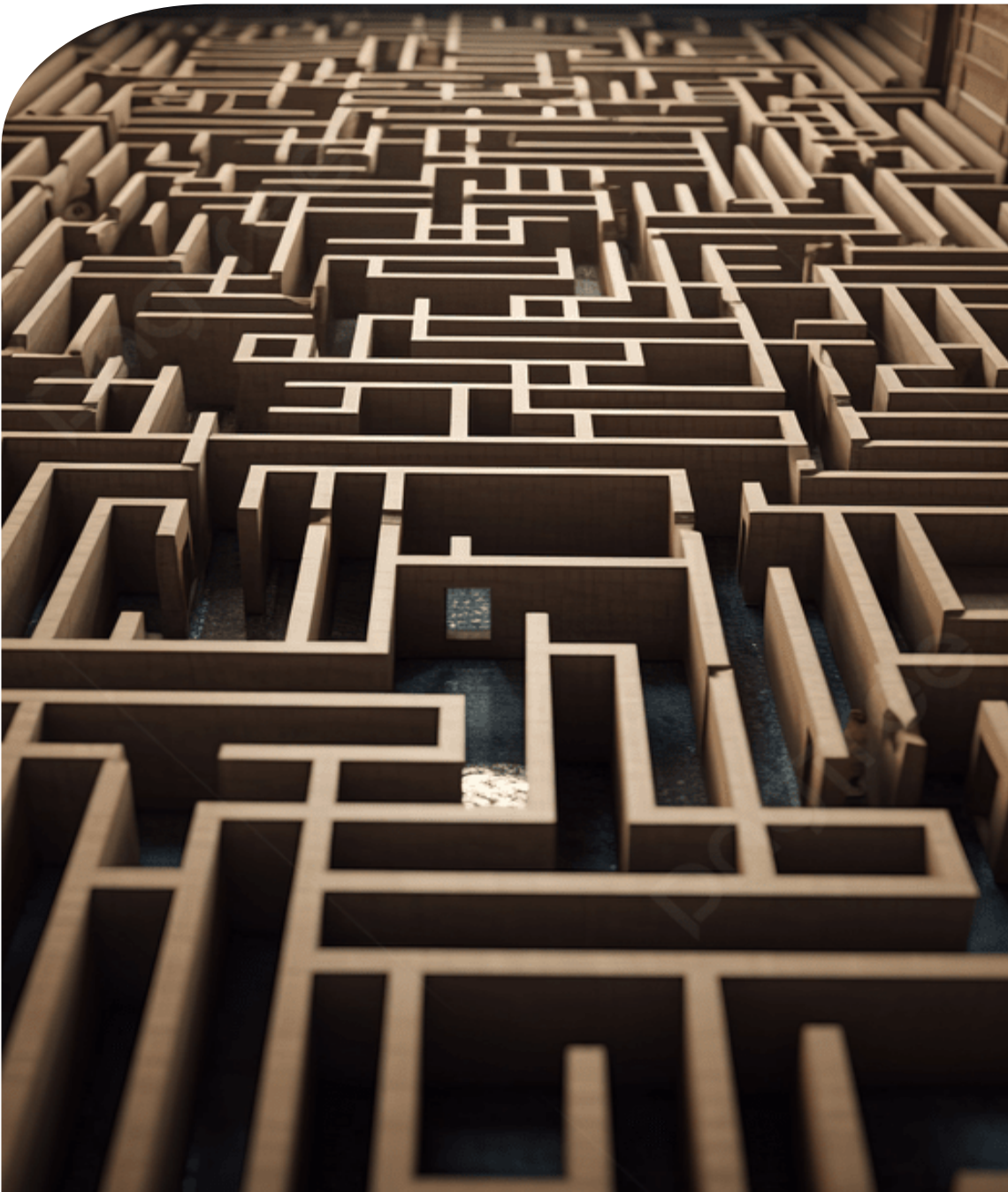
Team of 4 forensic nurses (+ 3 Training)

Care for victims of violence:

- ✓ Sexual Assault
- ✓ DV/IPV
- ✓ Strangulation
- ✓ Human Trafficking
- ✓ Child and Elder/Vulnerable adult abuse and neglect
- ✓ Gunshot & Stab wounds

Program 2025 Statistics





Barriers & Needs

1. Language Services
2. Victim Advocate
3. Children
4. Finances
5. Shelter
6. Transportation
7. Family Support

Outcome and Interagency Collaboration

Multidisciplinary Support

- 📞 Communication Services
- 🎓 Education - Escalating abuse
- 🏥 Medical & Crisis Intervention
- 💊 Medication access - Hospital funding
- 👮♂️ Law Enforcement – Detective
- 🏠 Shelter
- 🚗 Transportation

Program Improvements Post-Case

- ✅ FNE Coordinator & ER staff certified as Child Passenger Safety Technicians
- ✅ Tablet program launched with multilingual children's media



BEST PRACTICE IN DELAWARE NEW DOCUMENTATION, FORMS, ENVELOPES

00225



STATE OF DELAWARE
SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT

FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL
(Please Print)

PATIENT'S NAME: _____ D.O.B. _____

HOSPITAL: _____

DATE OF EXAMINATION: _____

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN: _____
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE: _____

ATTENDING NURSE: _____
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE: _____

AFFIX
BIOHAZARD
LABEL HERE
AFTER SPECIMEN
COLLECTION

FOR POLICE PERSONNEL
CHAIN OF POSSESSION

RECEIVED FROM: _____

DATE: _____ TIME: _____ am
pm

RECEIVED BY: _____

DATE: _____ TIME: _____ am
pm

RECEIVED FROM: _____

DATE: _____ TIME: _____ am
pm

RECEIVED BY: _____

DATE: _____ TIME: _____ am
pm

- Below the age of 12,
SANE kit done within 72
hours (3 days)
- Above the age of 12,
SANE kit done within
120 hours (5 days)

BEST PRACTICES IN DELAWARE STRANGULATION KITS



 ChristianaCare
Forensic Nurse Examiner Program
Strangulation Swab
Evidence

Patient Label

Date Collected: _____ Time Collected: _____

- ☐ Neck swabs enclosed for potential DNA skin cells (using wet/sterile H₂O) to dry technique-short swab with sterile H₂O) S/P Strangulation
- ☐ Buccal swab for known reference sample
- ☐ Other: _____

Police: _____

Case #: _____

Any Questions?????

