

1. BUMC is not recognized by the State of Texas as a Sexual Assault forensic exam-ready facility (aka SAFE-Ready facility). Any adult presenting with a complaint of sexual assault (<120 hours from incident) should be offered transfer to a facility with a formal SANE program (Presbyterian, Methodist, Parkland). Patients 17 and younger should be transferred to Dallas Children's.
2. The benefits of being treated at a SAFE-Ready facility includes an examination performed by a SANE (sexual assault nurse examiner) certified RN and assignment of an advocate that assists the victim from the time of presentation through any related court trial.
3. If a patient/legal representative declines transfer to another facility, we must perform the medical/forensic exam at BUMC.
4. To obtain a SANE exam at BUMC please contact the ED supervisor who can reach out to local resources and escalate as needed. BUMC's SANE providers include Jenn Midgette (214-418-9140) and Mai Nguyen (817-939-6160). Heather Joshua (214-697-3115) was previously certified and can assist but does not have active SANE credentials. Kris Powell (817-939-1096) may also be able to assist.
5. Please know that patients are not mandated to report to police – a forensic exam can be performed without police involvement. This is called a “non-report” sexual assault exam. Evidence collected during the exam can be used to treat and diagnose a victim of sexual assault while also collecting evidence of the crime. The survivor may choose to involve police much later, or not at all. There is no law requiring medical facilities to report sexual assaults of *adults* to law enforcement, so the decision to report is entirely the survivor's. In contrast, sexual assault of anyone under the age 18 must be reported to law enforcement under Texas' mandatory reporting laws.