



FREDERICK HEALTH HOSPITAL FORENSIC NURSING SERVICES

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Forensic
Nursing

A TIME FOR
CHANGE

Creating a
New Normal

EXPANDED CARE
DELIVERY

Giving
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Introductions



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Forensic Nursing



Forensic nursing is a critical specialty at the intersection of our healthcare and judicial systems that provides essential care to patients who are experiencing acute and long-term health consequences associated with victimization or violence.

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Forensic Nursing Services

- Medical exam, evaluation, and treatment of illness/injury including trauma associated with sexual assault, intimate partner violence, neglect, or other forms of intentional injury across lifespan.
- Evidence collection & preservation.
- Comprehensive evaluation & navigation of needs outside of the exam.
- Forensic nursing services are FREE.
Does not require involvement with law enforcement*



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Identified Gaps in Service Delivery



Low Patient
Engagement

Barriers to Follow-Up

Need for Care
Coordination

Access to Treatment

Significant Concern
For Patient Safety and
Health

FNS and
the
Empower
ment
Model

Trauma Informed
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Challenges with Empowerment

- Unrealistic expectations of patients
- Resource Dump
- Assumption that "they will call if they need something"
- Use of the empowerment approach during a survival response



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Shifting the Paradigm: Implementing Trauma Informed Care

Changing Assumptions

Willful
Neglect

Survival

"Non-
Compliant"

Trauma
Response

A fundamental change in approach
and underlying assumptions.

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Unique Role for Specialized Licensed Social Worker





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Then...



Now

Where we are today



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The Results

- Establish a long-term relationship with our patients
- Patients view the service line as neutral
- Extraordinary patient engagement with the integrated service line
- Increased reach to patients outside of acute care
- Removal of barriers, patients access services more consistently



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Post COVID-19

Patient fears and lock-down posed unique challenges.



- Tele-medicine through video chat.
- Off site follow up exams.
- Launch "HELP" line providing direct access to staff.
- Process changes to accommodate patient's needs & address fears

Violence is a Healthcare Issue

- Continued development of the medical and social care planning for patients who have experienced trauma.
- Support needed public policy to address health needs and safety gaps.
- **Beyond the bedside:**
 - Serve as an expert (consultation and education)
 - Sexual Assault Evidence Kit P&F
 - Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
 - Child Fatality Review
 - Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team
 - LGBTQ Health Equity Group
 - FC Human Trafficking Response Team
 - Human Trafficking State Medical Subcommittee
 - MBON FNE Committee
 - Child Abuse Medical Professionals
 - State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Implementation Team
 - PH IAFN Certification for Forensic Nursing Board Chair
 - Sexual Assault Response Team
 - Child Advocacy Center Multi-Disciplinary Team Partner
 - Hood College Community Victim Services Subcommittee
 - Trauma Response Frederick



Pulling back the forensic lens~

"From surviving to thriving"

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