Introductory Training Course: Sexual Assault Forensic Examination

Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations are medical and forensic examinations of patients who have experienced sexual violence carried out at specialised Sexual Assault Treatment Units (SATUs) nationwide. This is a two-day basic training course for doctors of various specialty backgrounds who plan to work in SATUs as Forensic Medical Examiners (FMEs).

Venue: **NUI Galway School of Medicine / Irish Centre for Applied Patient Safety and Simulation University Hospital Galway Nurses' Home, Newcastle Road, Galway**

Date: **The next courses will take place in autumn 2020 and spring 2021.**

Programme outline:

Friday	09:00-13:00	Introduction
		Introduction to sexual offences law in Ireland
		Patient journey to, in and from SATU: Options 1, 2 and 3
		Consent for Forensic Examination, Confidentiality, Ethics
		Sexual Assault History taking: National SATU documentation
		Simulated Patient Scenario: Taking a Sexual Assault History
	14:00-17:00	General physical examination
		Description of injuries
		Genital Examination
		Introduction to Forensic Science and sampling
		Practical Skills: Getting to know "The Kit"
		Practical Skills: Use of task trainer for genital forensic examination
Saturday	09:00-13:00	Introduction and Re-cap of Day 1
		Simulated Patient Scenarios: adult female vaginal rape
		Simulated Patient Scenarios: adult male anal rape
	14:00-17:00	Vulnerable patient considerations incl. substance misuse, mental health assessment
		Aftercare: Emergency contraception, STI prophylaxis including PEP
		Forensic Report Writing
		Q&A

Please note that completion of the above course does not mean an individual is competent to work unsupervised.

Further training, supervision and mentoring, in accordance with National Guidelines, will be required.

For further information and to register to attend please email: **satugalway.hsewest@hse.ie**

CPD will be awarded

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