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Standardized Patient (SP): someone who has been trained to reliably and consistently portray a patient with a health care problem, in this case, sexual assault.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES
Acquire knowledge to:
- Design a competency-based orientation for the novice sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE)
- Utilize a SP for simulation
- Develop a performance-based validation tool

PURPOSE
Gain an increased number of competent SANEs.

DESIGN/SETTING/SAMPLE
Design: Staff development quality improvement project
Setting: Academic, community Magnet® organization with three emergency departments, Level 1 trauma center and two community hospitals
Sample: Registered nurses who desired to become competent SANEs

BACKGROUND
Problem: Struggle to achieve orientation and demonstrate competency of SANEs, related to:
- Limited dollars for learning resources (live and self-learning)
- Challenges related to attaining real-time clinical learning opportunities and demonstrating skills
Consequence: Sexual assault exams performed by physicians instead of specialty trained SANE nurses

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