The crucial role of a SANE nurse: It’s more than medical

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Sexual assault survivors come into contact with many people along their recovery journey, perhaps more important than the "SANE" nurse.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners are specially trained to collect forensic evidence during an examination. They also take the patient’s history, physical examination, and emotional support needed during an appointment.

"Somebody who is trained can be more sensitive in the trauma symptoms, emotional stress or the little misunderstandings of what happened," the Certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner at Houston Women’s Hospital said.

"I feel the most we can offer survivors of sexual violence through our years of service is the desire to support them in their path to healing and justice," White said. "I will always be standing by for that telephone call, as long as it takes, I will be existing."