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Dear Friend:

Survivors of rape, molestation, and other forms of sexual assault rely on you – nurses, physicians, sexual assault service providers, law enforcement, and prosecutors – to treat their physical wounds, provide them with justice, and help them endure severe emotional trauma while beginning the difficult recovery process.

In the criminal justice system, we rely on those who first treat victims of sexual assault to collect the evidence used to identify, prosecute, and convict the assailants – crucial steps to providing some sense of peace and security in the victims' otherwise shattered lives. No matter what role you play in this critical process, your invaluable work places you on the frontline in the fight against sex crimes, and makes you one of the most important people in victims' lives.

We would like to invite you to the **Adolescent/Adult Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training**, an important 40-hour training designed to educate registered nurses and physicians performing medical-forensic examinations. Other professionals that serve sexual assault victims are also welcome to attend. The training will be held Monday, May 16, 2011 - Thursday, May 19, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Skokie Hospital in Skokie, Illinois. Eight hours (one day) of the training is to be completed online prior to the 32-hour (four day) classroom component. Instructions regarding the online component will be released on Friday, April 22, and students must complete the online coursework by Friday, May 13.

The training will cover the following Nursing Objectives:

Review History of Forensic Nursing ▪ Define Role of the SANE ▪ Describe Clinical Requirements and SANE Certification ▪ Define Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Concept ▪ Discuss Ethics  
▪ Review Dynamics of Sexual Assault ▪ Define Rape Trauma Syndrome ▪ Describe Role of Advocate  
▪ Describe Illinois Sexual Assault Laws ▪ Describe Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act ▪ Explain Victim Compensation ▪ Discuss Medical Findings in Sexual Assault ▪ Explain Ano-Genital Anatomy ▪ Define Injuries and Terminology ▪ Review Documentation and Interview ▪ Examine Case Studies ▪ Describe Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) ▪ Discuss Treatment, Referral and Follow-Up ▪ Review a Mock Medical-Forensic Examination ▪ Explain Male Sexual Assault ▪ Review Strangulation ▪ Define Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault (DFSA) ▪ Describe the Role of Law Enforcement ▪ Explain Forensic Photography ▪ Describe the Role of Forensic Scientist ▪ Examine Evidence Collection ▪ Review the Illinois Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (IL SAECK) and Skills Lab ▪ Review Sex Offender Characteristics ▪ Describe Suspect Exams ▪ Review Role of Prosecutor and Defense Attorney ▪ Examine a Mock Trial ▪ Review SANE Testimony ▪ Explain Vicarious Trauma

For more information regarding the Illinois SANE Program, the content of the training, or nursing contact hours, please contact Shannon Liew, RN, BSN, SANE-A, SANE Coordinator, Office of the Illinois Attorney General, at [sliew@atg.state.il.us](mailto:sliew@atg.state.il.us).

This joint training between the offices of the Illinois Attorney General and the Cook County State's Attorney will help all of us work together to better protect Illinois citizens from the painful effects of sexual assault. There is no charge for this training and a registration sheet is attached. We hope you can join us.

Very truly yours,

Lisa Madigan  
Illinois Attorney General

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Cook County State's Attorney

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