

The Healthcare Response to Intentional Violence

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WHAT is Forensic Nursing?



Forensic Nursing is the global health care response to:

- crime
- violence
- trauma



WHEN?



Our patients range across the lifespan, any gender, and have been affected by intentional violence within 7 days prior to presentation or release of confinement

- 24 hours a day
- 7 days a week
- 365 days a year

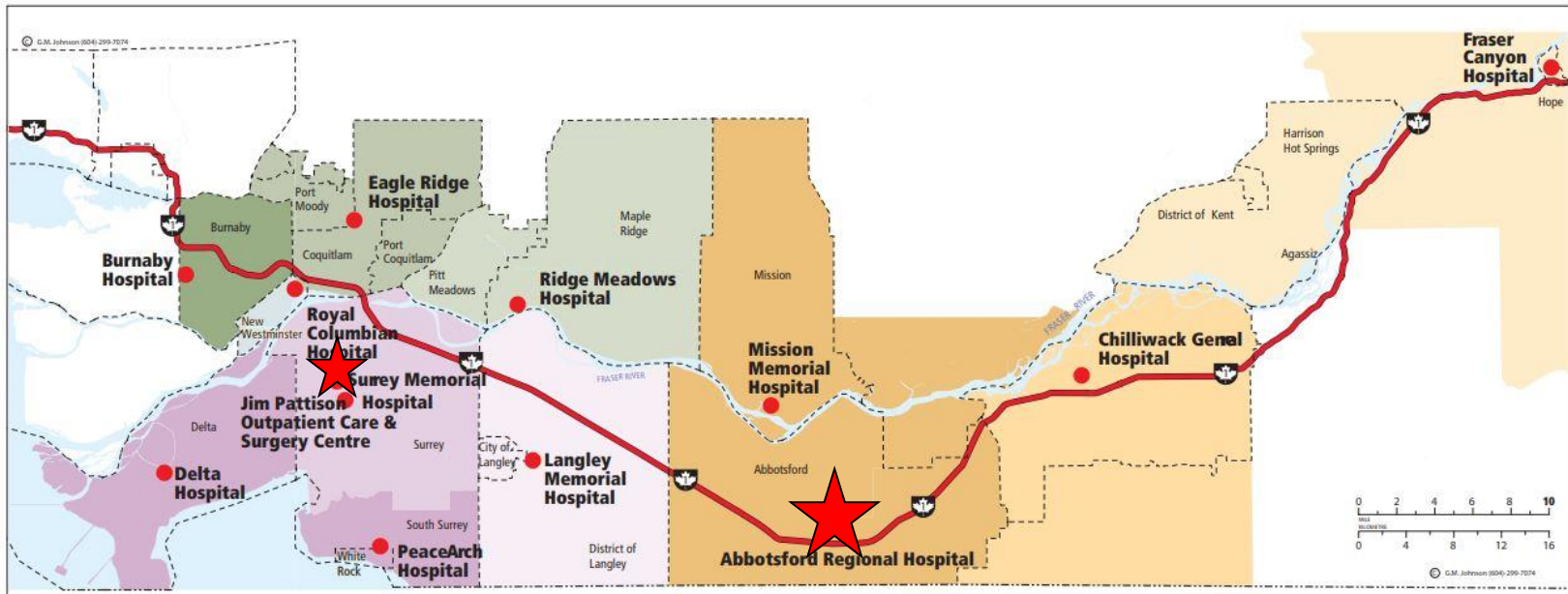
WHO are our patients?



- Sexual Assault, Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault, Dating Violence
- Domestic Violence, Interpersonal Violence, Relational Violence
- Child Physical & Sexual Abuse, Assault, Neglect, and Maltreatment
- Human Trafficking
- Elder Abuse



WHERE is Forensic Nursing in Fraser Health?



OUR TEAM



FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINERS

- Registered Nurses with advanced specialized education and training in living forensics
- Provide trauma informed clinical and forensic healthcare
- Collaborate with our legal and community partners as a part of the Multi-Disciplinary Team response to violence in our community

The Forensic Examination



The Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) will present the patient with 3 options for care which includes the risks, benefits, alternatives, and potential outcomes for each choice:

- Medical examination and care
- Medical forensic examination with storage of collected samples
- Medical forensic examination with a report to law enforcement

The Forensic Examination



- Clinical assessment and medical care
- Obtaining a history of the reported incident
- Performing a complete physical examination utilizing room lighting and an alternate light source.
- Forensic documentation and photodocumentation of findings
- Obtain forensic samples
- Maintain chain of custody

Multi-Disciplinary Team Collaboration



- Each patient is given discharge resources regarding their healing and potential experiences after a traumatic and violent incident.
- Information and referrals are given for access to community providers
- Expert and fact witness testimony in court

Multi-Disciplinary Team Collaboration



- Violence in our community is a public health and safety issue
- Requires a multi-disciplinary team collaboration to appropriately respond
- Best outcomes result with integrated collaboration of services available in one site

Multi-Disciplinary Team Collaboration



THANK YOU



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