



CAMPAIGN FOR HOPE, HEALING AND JUSTICE

Forensic Nursing Care for All

CASE FOR SUPPORT

THE PROBLEM

A GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

Violence is present everywhere. It has a lasting, devastating impact on individuals and communities.

Violence is a public health crisis that leaves people of all ages with lasting health impacts, including physical injuries, emotional trauma, and more.

But tens of millions of these victims do not receive the healthcare they deserve, worsening the long-term effects of violence.



THE PROBLEM

People experience violence at home,
in their communities, online, and across
international borders.

***Violence impacts
people throughout
their lifetimes.***

The violence may include:

- domestic or intimate partner violence
- sexual assault and rape
- dating violence and abuse
- peer violence
- physical and mental abuse
- sexual coercion
- stalking
- child and elder maltreatment
- human trafficking,
- and more



THE IMPACT IN NUMBERS



**736M
WOMEN**

globally experience
physical or sexual abuse
in their lifetime



**400M
CHILDREN**

under 5 around the
world suffered
abuse at home



**49M
PEOPLE**

worldwide were
trafficked or forced
into marriages



**\$14M
THE PRICE**

the global economy
pays due to violence



ONE VICTIM'S REALITY



A survivor recounted her own personal experience of being held captive for five years.

After her escape, authorities questioned her in ways that further victimized her. During this process, she heard about forensic exams—one that would address her related injuries, diseases and mental health issues. But one was never offered to her.

Five years later, she is experiencing the long-term impacts of her injuries and struggles to cope with the trauma every day.

Her healthcare needs were never addressed.

Her captors are walking free.

Her access to justice has been denied.





VIOLENCE LEAVES LONG-LASTING IMPACT

People who experience violence have both immediate and long-term health problems caused by the violence.

Each person's experience is unique.
Immediate healthcare needs may include physical and emotional trauma such as injury, sexually-transmitted infections, unwanted pregnancy, and more.

Victims of violence
everywhere deserve
access to high-quality
care.

But millions who seek
healthcare in the
aftermath of violence
do not receive it.

**Some describe that
inadequate care as
revictimizing.**

Many more still go
without access to *any*
form of healthcare.

WE KNOW THAT...



Forensic nurses are specially trained to provide healthcare for patients who have experienced violence – and they can gather evidence so that it is admissible in court.

Forensic nurses provide compassionate and specialized care to patients who experience violence.

Forensic nursing care reduces the likelihood of a victim being retraumatized and puts patients on the road to healing.



WE KNOW THAT FORENSIC NURSING IS THE SOLUTION.

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Having access to a trained forensic nurse can improve a victim's short- and long-term health problems associated with the violence.

We also know that it can lower healthcare costs.



***Forensic nurses are also
a critical resource for making
communities safer.***

***They collect evidence and
give testimony that can be
used in a court of law to
prosecute those who
commit violent and
abusive acts.***

PUTTING THE SOLUTION TO WORK

We work every day toward a world where everyone has access to forensic nursing care.

But there is an urgent shortage of forensic nurses globally.

Worldwide, the highest concentration of forensic nurses is in the United States, but **only 25% of hospitals in the U.S. have forensic nurses.**

The IAFN Foundation is determined to change this reality so that people who experience violence can access the healthcare they deserve.



HELP PUT THE SOLUTION TO WORK



As the charitable arm of the world's premier forensic nursing organization, **the International Association of Forensic Nurses**, we are poised to facilitate this global change!

**That can happen
only if we expand
our financial
foundation.**

Then, we can invest the necessary resources to move the needle on expanding access to forensic nursing in more communities, more countries – and to more of the millions of people who go without the care they deserve.





Join us in our commitment to improving the lives of those we experience violence, no matter their location or circumstance.

DONATE NOW

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