



2022 Forensic Nurses Week Press Release Template

Forensic Nurses Needed – In EVERY hospital, in EVERY community, EVERY day

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(November 6, 2022 – City, State)

Organization invites you to celebrate Forensic Nurses Week (November 6-12, 2022) with us. Forensic Nurses Week is designated to recognize the dedicated nurses who provide exceptional care to patients impacted by violence, abuse, and trauma.

Intimate partner violence, sexual assault, gun violence, and human trafficking continue to demand our attention, presenting a pivotal opportunity for healthcare facilities to prioritize the needs of patients affected by violence. Yet fewer than 20% of US hospitals have a forensic nurse on staff.¹

Option A: your organization here is proud to have a team of xx specially trained forensic nurses to serve the xxx community.

Option B: your organization here is proud to help meet the need by educating future forensic nurses through our forensic nursing education program)

¹ In 2017, of the 5,417 acute care US hospitals that had emergency departments, approximately 17% had Sexual Assault Forensic/Nurse Examiner (SANE/SAFE) Programs. Emergency Medicine Network. (2017). National Emergency Department Inventory-USA. Retrieved from <http://www.emnet-usa.org/research/studies/nedi/nedi-usa-visits/>; International Association of Forensic Nurses. (2019). SANE Program Listing [Data file].



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Insert a quote from your program director like:

“By providing forensic nursing services, **YOUR FACILITY HERE** provides the community with a vital resource to ensure patients impacted by violence and abuse receive the specialized care they deserve, said **PROGRAM DIRECTOR’S NAME HERE**”

Add any events you are holding to celebrate forensic nurses week or any recent program news here, like:

- To celebrate Forensic Nurses Week, the **xxx** healthcare team held a recognition ceremony for the forensic nursing team.
- In 2022, the facility added xx new nurses to our team/provided care to xx # of patients.
- In 2021, XX # of students graduated from the **xx** nursing school forensic nursing program.

Whether assessing and addressing injuries, collecting evidence, or preventing or treating disease, a forensic nurse’s priority is always the health and safety of the patient. Although many forensic nurses work in the emergency department of acute care hospitals, others practice at child and family advocacy centers, correctional or psychiatric facilities, coroner and medical examiner offices, or international humanitarian organizations. Forensic nurses also provide consultation and testimony for civil and criminal proceedings. Communities that promote forensic nursing arm themselves with the vital resources to combat the short- and long term-health consequences of violence and abuse, launch effective prevention efforts, and ensure the administration of justice.

To learn more about forensic nursing and Forensic Nurses Week, visit

www.forensicnurses.org/FNweek

(or add info about your program – especially if you’re hiring!)

ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION

Your organization’s communications/press office will have a standard statement they use here.

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