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NOVA Honors Forensic Nurses for Their Care of Victims of Violence in the Community

More Forensic Nurses are needed for their SANE team

(BUCKS COUNTY, PA) – Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) is honoring a special group of health professionals during Forensic Nurses Week November 8-12. Forensic Nurses are trained to treat the trauma associated with various forms of violence, including sexual assault, domestic abuse, or other types of intentional injury. These superheroes serve as the backbone for anti-violence efforts, advocacy, and care. The work that they do is integral to the safety and justice of victims as well as to the overall mission of violence prevention and education.

Forensic Nurses are registered and/or advanced practice nurses who receive specialized education and training for treating patients that have been impacted by injury associated with victimization or violence. Additionally, they provide consultation and testimonies for criminal cases related to victimization. In order to be a forensic nurse, one must become a registered nurse first and then become certified in forensic nursing. These nurses frequently work in hospitals, anti-violence organizations, and medical examiners offices.

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Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) have specialized expertise when it comes to identifying physical and psychological trauma associated with sexual assault, and they provide services such as emergency medical care, discharge planning, collecting evidence, recording forensic narratives, and providing referrals so that the patient can receive continuous care.

This week and every week of the year, NOVA honors the hard work and commitment of their team of nurses who are specialized in this field. Forensic Nurses should be appreciated for all of the work that they do to protect and represent victims of violence and abuse. NOVA would not be the organization it is today without the dedication and specialized knowledge of their team of Forensic Nurses who meet both the medical and emotional needs of patients and survivors.

Tarah Sellers, Director of Client Services, NOVA, celebrates the work that Forensic Nurses do by stating, "The Forensic Nurses who work with NOVA provide a specialized service that takes dedication and fortitude. This week, we celebrate you, your service, and your labor of love. You are phenomenal nurses who deserve honor and recognition. Thank you for the difficult and often heartbreaking work that you do each and every day. Nursing is a difficult, challenging, and sometimes thankless profession. Great nurses like you deserve appreciation like no one else."

NOVA is currently looking to hire additional Forensic Nurses. Applicants should submit a resume, with a cover letter and salary requirements to careers@novabucks.org with the subject line: Forensic Nurse.

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NOVA supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and works to prevent and eliminate violence in society through advocacy, training, community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1974, NOVA is a non-profit 501 (c) (3), community-based organization. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state, and local government grants and contracts, United Way of Bucks County, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.