

**The Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC) will launch a new Forensic Nursing Subcommittee**

The Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC) will launch a new Forensic Nursing Subcommittee that will draft standards for collecting physical evidence from victims of sexual assault. The goal of the new standards will be to improve the quality of care for victims and help ensure that evidence is properly collected and preserved until a crime lab can analyze it.

OSAC is seeking experts to serve on the new forensic nursing subcommittee. Experts in the following areas are encouraged to apply:

Trained forensic practitioners (nurses, nurse practitioners, forensic medical practitioners, physicians, physician assistants, etc.);  
Law enforcement personnel with experience investigating sexual assaults;  
DNA examiners with experience processing sexual assault kits;  
Toxicologists with experience analyzing drug-facilitated sexual assaults;  
Representatives from sexual assault victim services organizations and advocacy groups;  
Quality managers;  
Human factors experts;  
Experts on bias and ethics;  
Legal experts; and  
Statisticians.

For more information, see the NIST news release:

<https://www.nist.gov/news-events/news/2021/07/forensic-science-organization-draft-standards-sexual-assault-examinations>