



Navigating Medical Records

Presented by Nurses for Social Justice

When: April 27, 2023 from 8:30AM-4:30PM

Where: University of Southern Maine ~ Abromson Community Education Center
88 Bedford Street, Rooms 109-110, Portland, Maine 04101

Cost: Free

Summary: This training will cover a variety of topics, including Medical Records 101, Alleged Criminal Injuries, Sexual Assault, & Strangulation.

Medical Records 101: This presentation explains how to manage medical records that are most pertinent. Participants will be taught how to translate EMS reports, understand the difference between medical note titles, and learn how to determine if parts of the medical record are missing. They will be given the best resources for defining medical terminology. Attorneys will learn about the systems that medical providers and facilities use to document patient care, including emergency room trauma levels, laboratory/toxicology results, and where to locate the end result of lengthy radiology reports.

Alleged Criminal Injuries: This presentation will cover the most common injuries seen in criminal cases including simple abrasions and lacerations, broken bones, brain injuries, stabbings, and gunshot wounds. Participants will learn basic anatomy and physiology related to typical injuries found in criminal cases, have common medical terminology that is used in used to document injuries in medical records explained to them, and be shown how those injuries are normally treated.

Sexual Assault and Strangulation: Participants will learn about forensic nurse examinations of patients reporting sexual assault and/or strangulation. They will be taught medical definitions and anatomy and physiology of the genital structures and neck to feel more comfortable understanding medical records. Participants will learn how to better interpret the presence or absence of forensic and clinical findings related to allegations of sexual assault and strangulation as well as what research data exists on these topics.

Eligibility: This training is *only* open to attorneys who are currently eligible to receive MCILS case assignments.

Registration: Register [here](#). Space is limited, so register soon!

CLE Credit: This training has been approved for 6.5 hours of MCILS CLE credit. Board of Overseers CLE credit pending.



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Agenda:

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| 8:30AM-8:45AM | Introduction |
| 8:45am-9:45AM | Medical Records 101
<i>Jennifer Grossman, RN, BSN, LNC</i> |
| 9:45AM-10:00AM | <u>Morning Break</u> |
| 10:00AM-11:00AM | Sexual Assault
<i>Tristan Wristen, RN, BSN, MSN, FN-CSA, SANE-A</i> |
| 11:00AM-11:30AM | Sexual Assault Research Interpretation
<i>Tristan Wristen, RN, BSN, MSN, FN-CSA, SANE-A</i> |
| 11:30AM-12:30PM | <u>Lunch</u> |
| 12:30PM-1:30PM | Alleged Criminal Injuries
<i>Jennifer Grossman, RN, BSN, LNC</i> |
| 1:30PM-2:30PM | Strangulation
<i>Tristan Wristen, RN, BSN, MSN, FN-CSA, SANE-A</i> |
| 2:30PM-2:45PM | <u>Afternoon Break</u> |
| 2:45PM-4:30PM | Breakout/Record Review
<i>Jennifer Grossman, RN, BSN, LNC</i>
<i>Tristan Wristen, RN, BSN, MSN, FN-CSA, SANE-A</i> |

FACULTY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Jennifer Grossman, BSN, RN, LNC

Jennifer Grossman graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN) from Hunter Bellevue School of Nursing in New York City. Jennifer has experience as a neurology-neurosurgery Staff Nurse, an outpatient Clinical Nurse Manager, a Legal Nurse Consultant, and as the executive director of a nonprofit in New York City. She has experience reviewing medical records from all over the country, giving her vast knowledge of electronic medical records (EMR), medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, healthcare in prisons and jails, and the way in which healthcare systems function in the United States.

She has spent the past decade working with public defenders nation-wide reviewing medical records, assisting with interpretation of medical records, medical research, creation of medical reports and affidavits, as well as assisting attorneys with cross prep and testimony. Throughout the pandemic she researched SARS-CoV-2 and worked with public defenders to get at-risk incarcerated people released, assist with parole cases, and partnered with multiple organizations on compassionate release cases.

Jennifer is the founder and Executive Director of Nurses for Social Justice, a nonprofit that mentors nurses who are interested in criminal justice reform, abolition, and ensuring incarcerated people get just healthcare. She teaches them how to work with attorneys in the public defender systems and educates them on the financial constraints that these systems impose on public defenders. Nurses for Social Justice connects nurses, legal nurse consultants, and other health care providers with public defenders and assigned counsel for criminal cases. The nonprofit also offers free CLE presentations on medical record review, typical assault injuries, sexual assault and strangulation to public defenders across the country.

Nurses for Social Justice encourages nurses to get involved in social justice issues such as assisting previously incarcerated people navigate the health care system. She is a member of the Medical Reserve Corps of New York, partners with multiple organizations on the campaign to close Rikers and movement to end solitary confinement. She is dedicated to standing up for the exploited and powerless.

Tristan Ashly Wristen, RN, BSN, MSN, FN-CSA, SANE-A

Tristan Ashly Wristen has been a nurse for over 15 years, spending most of her career in emergency departments, and serving as a forensic nurse examiner for 5 years. After graduating with a master's degree in forensic nursing, Tristan started TW Forensic Consulting where she offers forensic consulting services. She has qualified as a trial expert in forensic nursing, sexual assault, strangulation, and injury causation, in 12 states as well as for the US Military in courts-martial proceedings in the US and England. Tristan is double board certified as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for Adults/Adolescents (SANE-A) and for pediatrics (SANE-P). She is also an adjunct professor teaching undergraduate nursing students in the clinical setting and she precepts graduate students in forensic nursing. Tristan teaches portions of the forensic nurse examiner training programs and is currently serving in an elected position as Education Commissioner for the International Association of Forensic Nurses.