

ALS Nurse Survey

Knowledge Assessment

True or False: As a forensic nurse, I can use my discretion to determine the appropriateness of clinical assessment techniques and tools.

- True
 False

True or False: Alternate light is the standard of practice for forensic nurses to identify potential physical evidence that is difficult to see on the patient's skin (e.g., semen, fibers).

- True
 False

Have you ever used alternate light to identify potential physical evidence (e.g., semen, fibers)?

- Yes
 No

True or False: Alternate light is the standard of practice in the assessment of subtle skin injuries incurred by patients who have experienced violence.

- True
 False

Have you ever used alternate light to examine the skin for injuries?

- Yes
 No

True or False: Alternate light can provide a diagnosis of bruising among patients who have experienced violence.

- True
 False

How comfortable are you with the following activities (click on the line):

	Extremely uncomfortable		Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable		Extremely comfortable	Decline to Answer
	1	2	3	4	5	
Photographing non-genital injuries on adults?						
Photographing genital injuries on adults?						
Using alternate light technology to assess adult patient skin?						

Evidence Assessment

Please read the following statement and then answer the questions that follow:

"Implementing alternate light will improve injury assessment and documentation during the forensic medical examination of patients who report being a victim of sexual assault and/or intimate partner violence."

Based on your knowledge of the research supporting this statement, what is the strength of the supporting evidence?

- Very weak
- Weak
- Neither weak not strong
- Strong
- Very strong
- Don't know/ not applicable

Based on your experience, what do respected clinical experts in your work-place feel about the strength of the supporting evidence for the statement?

- Very weak
- Weak
- Neither weak not strong
- Strong
- Very strong
- Don't know/not applicable

Research:

Consider the following proposed practice change:

“To implement alternate light for the assessment of bruises on adult patients who have experienced sexual assault and/or intimate partner violence”

Please rate the strength of your agreement with each of the following statements.

The proposed practice change is supported by Randomized Control Trials or other scientific evidence from other health care systems.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Based on current scientific knowledge, the proposed practice change should be an effective change.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Clinical Experience.

Consider the following proposed practice change:

“To implement alternate light for the assessment of bruises on adult patients who have experienced sexual assault and/or intimate partner violence.”

Please rate the strength of your agreement with each of the following statements.

The proposed practice change is supported by:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/not applicable
My own clinical experience with our patients	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My own clinical experience with patients in other health care systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opinions of clinical experts in this setting.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Patient Preferences

Consider the following proposed practice change:

“To implement alternate light for the assessment of bruises on adult patients who have experienced sexual assault and/or intimate partner violence.”

Please rate the strength of your agreement with each of the following statements.

The proposed practice change:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/not applicable
Has been well-accepted by our patients in a pilot study.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consistent with clinical practices that have been accepted by our patients.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Takes into consideration the needs and preferences of our patients.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Appears to have more advantages than disadvantages for our patients.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is patient centered.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supports a trauma-informed approach to care.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Culture (Leadership)

Please rate the strength of your agreement with each of the following statements.

Clinical management/senior leadership in your organization rewards clinical innovation and creativity to improve patient care.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Clinical management/senior leadership in your organization seeks ways to improve patient education and increase patient participation in treatment.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Clinical management/senior leadership in your organization solicits the opinions of clinical staff regarding decisions about patient care.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Culture (Staff)

Please rate the strength of your agreement with each of the following statements.

Clinical staff members in your organization:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/not applicable
Have a sense of personal responsibility for improving patient care and outcomes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cooperate to maintain and improve effectiveness of patient care.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Are willing to innovate, experiment or a combination of both to improve clinical procedures.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Are receptive to change in clinical processes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Leadership

Please rate the strength of your agreement with each of the following statements.

Clinical management/senior leadership in your organization provides effective management for continuous improvement of patient care.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Clinical management/senior leadership in your organization clearly defines areas of responsibility and authority for clinical managers and staff.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Clinical management/senior leadership in your organization promotes team building to solve clinical care problems.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Clinical management/senior leadership in your organization promotes communication among clinical services and units.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Measurement

Senior leadership/Clinical management in your organization:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/not applicable
Provides staff with information on performance measures and guidelines.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establishes clear goals for patient care processes and outcomes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provides staff members with feedback with supporting data on the effects of clinical decisions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Holds staff members accountable for achieving results.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Readiness for change

Please rate the strength of your agreement with each of the following statements.

Opinion leaders in your organization believe that the current practice patterns can be improved.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Opinion leaders in your organization encourage and support changes in practice patterns to improve patient care.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Opinion leaders in your organization are willing to try new clinical protocols.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Opinion leaders in your organization work cooperatively with senior leadership/clinical management to make appropriate changes.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know/not applicable

Resources

Generally, in my organization, when there is agreement that change needs to happen, we have the necessary support in terms of:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/not applicable
Budget or financial resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staffing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Demographic Information:

Age:

Highest level of nursing education:

- Diploma
- Associate
- Bachelor's
- Master's
- DNP
- PhD/DNSc

Are you an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)?

- Yes
- No

Are you a Certified Nurse Practitioners (NPs)?

- Yes
- No

Are you a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)?

- Yes
- No

Are you a Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)?

- Yes
- No

Number of years practicing as a nurse:

Number of years practicing as a forensic nurse:

Certifications (select all that apply):

- SANE-A
- SANE-P
- AFN-BC
- Other certifications (Please describe)

Are you employed full-time as a forensic nurse?

- Yes
- No

If not, how many hours a week, on average, are you on-call as a forensic nurse?

On average, how many hours a week are you providing direct forensic nursing care to patients?

On average, how many medical forensic examinations do you perform on adult patients reporting sexual assault, intimate partner violence, or both, each month: