

# Improving Survivors' Access to Confidential Health Care Services

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# Objectives

- Identify confidentiality protections & limitations for SA survivors seeking health care services.
- Discuss practices that reduce privacy risks for SA survivors seeking health care.
- Describe privacy concerns that arise for specific populations seeking health care related to SA.

# JoAnn: Setting the stage



Oregon Attorney General Sexual Assault Task Force

## JoAnn: Discussion

- **What privacy issues came to mind as you watched the video?**
- **How is JoAnn's experience in seeking health care similar to or different from survivors you've encountered?**

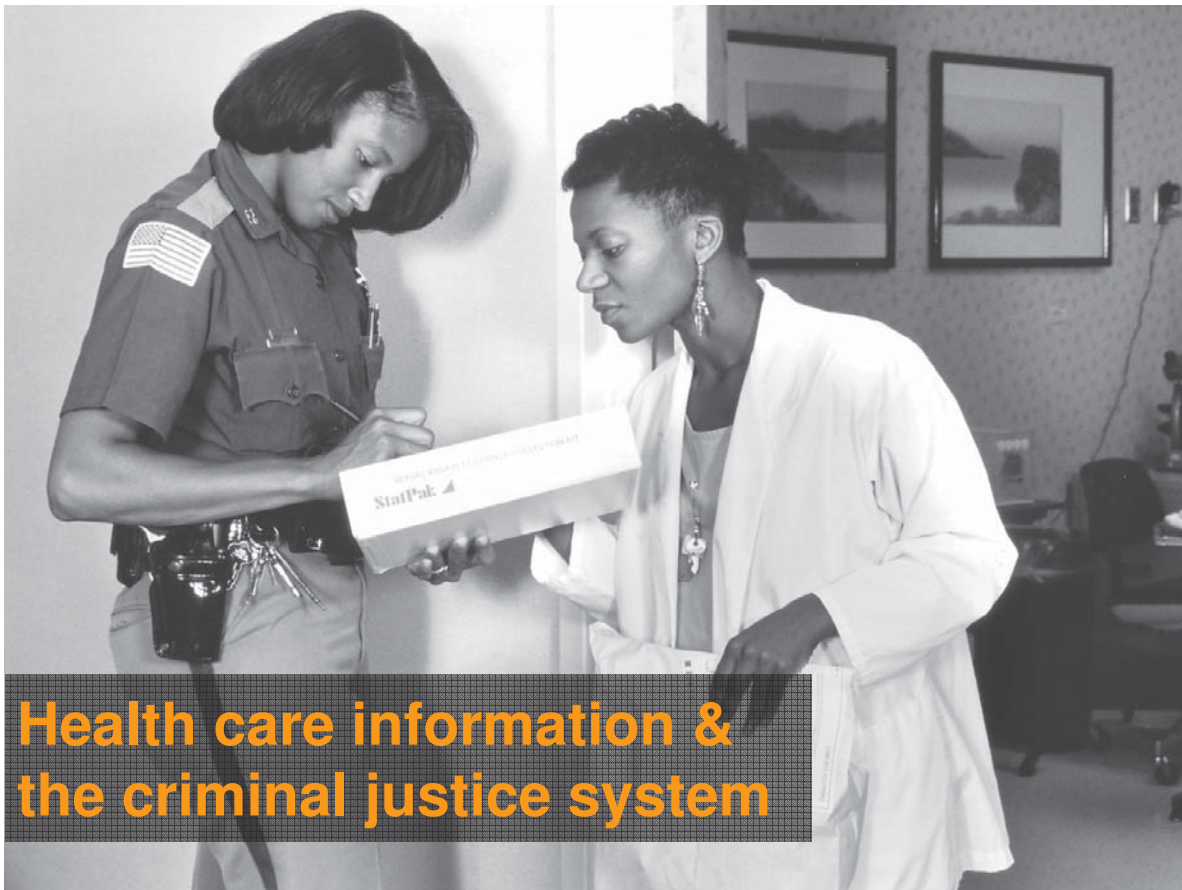
## Agenda

- **Collaboration between health care providers & advocates**
- **Use of health care info in the criminal justice system**
- **Information use within the health care system**
- **Privacy concerns of specific populations**
- **Minors**



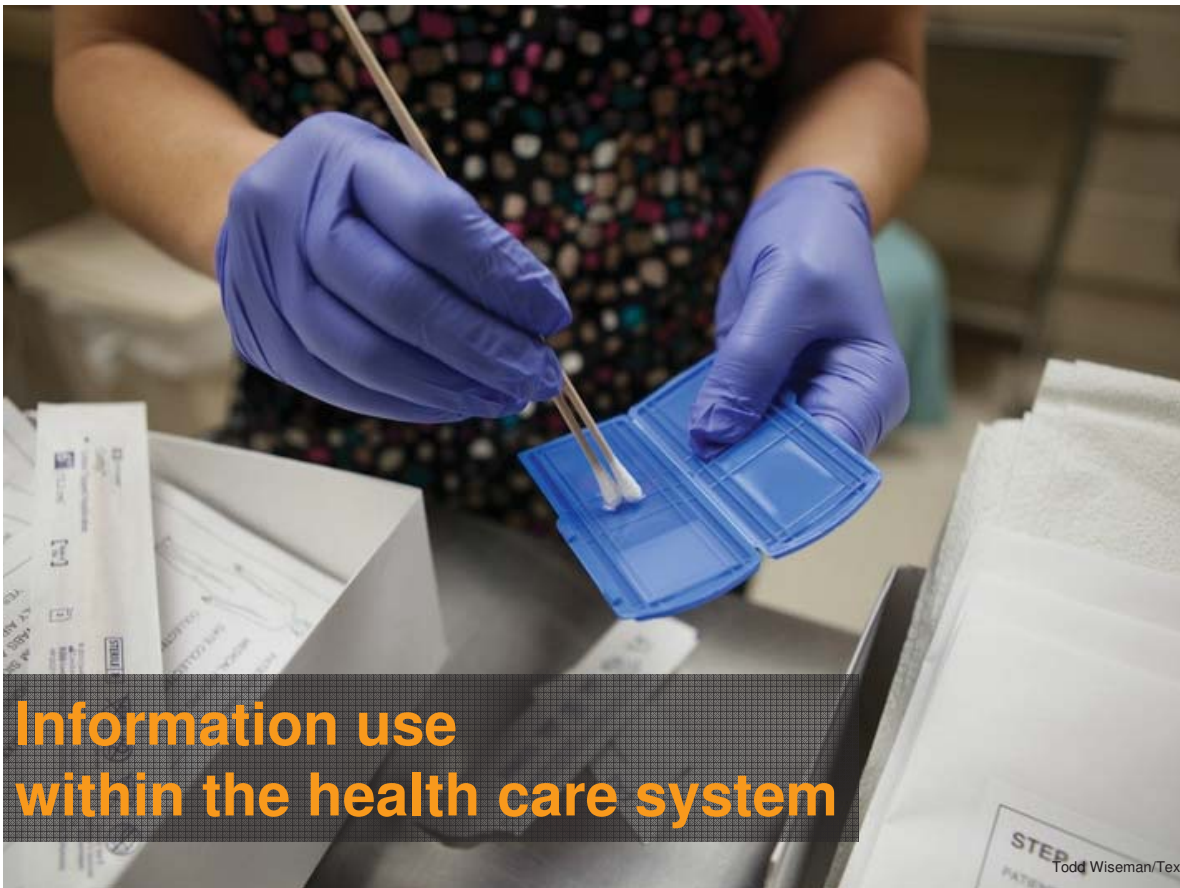
## Considerations

- Advocate notification procedures
- Consent procedures
- Advocate presence during exam
- Privilege
- Information sharing between advocates and healthcare providers



## Considerations

- Health care providers' duty to report certain injuries to law enforcement
- Law enforcement notification
- Disclosure of sensitive information
- Releasing photos



## Considerations

- Medical records access within an institution
- Record storage/access in community-based programs
- Use of interpreters
- Medical forensic record storage and access to the electronic record
- Photographic storage and access within the health care system



## Examples of populations with special privacy concerns

- Incarcerated
- Military
- Tribal, rural & isolated communities



## Incarcerated survivors

- Exam procedures
- Presence of corrections staff during exam
- Custody of records
- Release of the kit

## Military

- Access to confidential care
- Mandatory injury reporting

# Tribal, rural & isolated communities

- Lack of anonymity
- Access to confidential resources
- Mandatory reporting in Indian Country

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# Considerations

- Consent to services
- Confidentiality
- Mandatory reporting



**Questions & next steps**

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