



Dear MN IAFN member and MN forensic nurses,

This has been a tough year for all of us as nurses and as forensic nurses serving vulnerable victims of violence. We would like to reach out and host a zoom discussion regarding challenges and approaches to providing care to patients in this challenging era of COVID. Please join us from 6-7pm on September 16. Click on this link to join in the zoom discussion:

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Here are a few of the topics we can discuss:**

- Have your numbers been different this year in relation to the last couple of years?
- How have your local advocates chosen to respond? How have you encouraged your patients to have an ongoing connection with advocacy?
- Have you initiated any creative ways to provide a personable response while in PPE?
- What staffing challenges have you experienced since COVID arrived?

As you recall, we had planned an education event for this past May but due to the early stages of COVID, we cancelled that event with the intent to proceed with our September education event. We have had many discussions as to how to proceed with the September education event and decided to cancel because the IAFN conference is now virtual and is an exceptional value at \$179. We encourage all members to register and take advantage of this opportunity. When you register for this event, you will have from September 2020 to December 2020 to watch the webinars. This provides an excellent opportunity to obtain forensic nursing CEU's. We canceled our event to allow you to take advantage of this low price of attending the IAFN event and eliminating your need to decide between the two events.

Each year, we want to make sure we provide the best education possible that we meet the education needs of our members. One of our commitments to you as members and the dues you pay to be a member, is providing education. We were unable to fulfill that commitment this year due to the uncertainties related to COVID, so our plan is to give a discount to all 2020 members for the May 2021 MN IAFN education event.

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