

NURSE SCIENTIST, EDUCATOR & EXPERT RESOURCE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT CARE

Note to Journalists:

Dr. Miyamoto is available for comments, interviews, and consultations on topics related to sexual assault, health care, health and technology, and more. Please use the provided contact details for inquiries.

### **About Sheridan**

Dr. Sheridan Miyamoto, PhD, FNP, RN, FAAN, is a leading nurse scientist, educator, and clinician whose extensive work set new benchmarks in sexual assault care. As the Director and Principal Investigator of the



SAFE-T Center, she pioneered methods to deliver specialized care to survivors. The SAFE-T Center provides data-driven research and real-world metrics to empower legislators to promote and pass bills that can effectively combat the disparities in sexual assault care. SAFE-T System is the implementation component to the SAFE-T Center's research and evaluation, leveraging telehealth to bridge the gap in rural communities. With over 20 years of experience, Sheridan is reshaping the landscape of sexual assault care in the U.S., ensuring it is accessible, expert, and compassionate.

#### 1 in 3 women

in the U.S. experience sexual violence in their lifetime

Nearly

# 1 in 4 men

in the U.S. experience sexual violence in their lifetime

To democratize access to high-quality sexual assault care, ensuring everyone receives expert, respectful care regardless of their background or location.

### Quick Overview

Name: Dr. Sheridan Miyamoto

Credentials: PhD, FNP, RN, FAAN

**Roles:** Principal Investigator & Director of the SAFE-T Center, Associate Professor of Nursing, Former SANE-A and SANE-P

**Experience:** Over 20 years in telehealth & sexual assault care; conducted over 3,000 forensic sexual abuse examinations



# About SAFE-T Research:

Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Telehealth (SAFE-T)
System was established in 2017 under the leadership of Dr.
Miyamoto. It uses telehealth technology to enhance the
accessibility and quality of sexual assault care, particularly in
underserved communities. SAFE-T offers expert guidance,
mentoring, and evidence-based training to less experienced
nurses in real-time. This not only ensures best practices during
SA examinations but also provides valuable data for further
research on the impacts of sexual assault on survivors.



Dr. Miyamoto and team use innovative technology in rural communities to significantly improve the quality and accessibility of sexual assault care, setting a new standard for treatment in the U.S.



## **Key Findings on the Impact of SAFE-T in Communities:**

**Access to Expert Care:** Telehealth revolutionizes sexual assault care by making experts accessible to hospitals in rural and underserved communities.

**Support Beyond Clinical Consultation:** SAFE-T extends its services beyond clinical consultations, offering training, court testimony preparation, and emotional support.

#### **Community and Workforce Needs:**

Comprehensive support systems like SAFE-T guide hospitals in implementing change strategies, ensuring quality models of SA care and addressing shortages in the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) workforce.

A Collaborative Approach: By involving multiple stakeholders from hospital administrators to law enforcement and legislators, the SAFE-T model ensures holistic, local care and policy support for those who experience sexual violence.

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