



Providence St. Vincent Medical Foundation

Forensic nurse examiners use special equipment to collect evidence and can help patients connect with law enforcement – if and when patients feel ready to do so.



Specialized forensic nurse examiners support our most vulnerable patients

Thanks to your generous support, Providence Oregon now has a team of dedicated forensic nurse examiners that works with patients who seek

help during one of the most vulnerable times of their lives.

In 2022, the forensic nurse examiner program expanded the role and training for nurse examiners who previously specialized in sexual assault. Providence forensic nurse examiners respond to sexual abuse cases, violent crimes, human trafficking and all forms of domestic violence. They work with law enforcement, advocates and the judicial system.

Forensic nurse examiners at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center's emergency department saw more than 200 patients in 2022. That equates to 1/3 of all forensic cases in Oregon, partly because the emergency department is the largest and busiest in Portland, and partly because of its reputation for excellent care.

Including forensic nurse examiners on the emergency team allows patients to have more dedicated time to talk with nurses. These nurses can develop a rapport with patients and be there through their journey of healing, both physically and mentally.

"Patients are not going to be judged. They are going to be believed, and they are going to see a nurse who is truly an expert in the field and knows how to take care of them," said Theresa Muncy, RN, of the forensic nurses.

Savannah Powell, RN, said she is often asked why she does this job. "Patients are often dealing with a great deal of shame and unfair stigma around sexual assault and other violent crimes. The ability to give autonomy back to those patients means they are more likely to trust medical professionals and return for care when needed."

2022 Highlights

ExacTrac Motion Detection System



Providing radiation therapy can be challenging when caring for patients with prostate, breast, lung and other cancers due to the natural movements of the body. Thanks to your support, an ExacTrac Motion Detection System was installed in Providence Cancer Institute at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center. The system allows more accurate and continual tracking of a patient's tumors during radiation treatment, providing higher, more effective doses. This higher accuracy also means fewer treatments and lower out-of-pocket costs for patients.

Tomorrow Starts Today Emergency Department campaign kicks off

The emergency department at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center is the busiest in the Portland metro area. Built in 1994, it's too small to serve the needs of the community, which has experienced a dramatic growth rate. Recognizing the need for a larger, more modern emergency department, the Providence St. Vincent Medical Foundation Council of Trustees kicked off the \$45 million campaign with a \$10 million commitment. Preparations for construction began in late 2022. Thanks to generous donors, we have raised almost half of our goal to bring faster, even better care to our community.

2022 total dollars raised by fund

- Area of Greatest Need | 2%
- Cancer Research and Support Services | 2%
- Emergency Services and Critical Care | 14%
- Heart | 67%
- Hospice and Long Term Care | 2%
- Neuroscience | 11%
- Orthopedic Research | 1%
- Other Funds | 1%

