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Michele Reali-Sorrell DNP, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P has practiced as a forensic nurse examiner since 2005 and is the Enterprise Forensic Nurse Program Manager for the Cleveland Clinic located in Cleveland Ohio. The Cleveland Clinic Forensic Nursing Program provides both acute and non-acute medical care to patients after a physical or sexual assault, child abuse and elder abuse or neglect.

Dr. Reali-Sorrell began her career at the Cleveland Clinic 26 years ago and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience from many different disciplines of nursing including forensic nursing, intensive care, emergency medicine, ambulatory care, community nursing, trauma, primary prevention training, grant writing, development and implementation of policies and procedures around forensic nursing and nursing educator. Under her leadership as a content expert in forensic nursing, Michele and her team of 40 nurses have implemented many new and innovative changes to the Cleveland Clinic forensic nursing program. Some highlights include providing 24/7 on call coverage to Cleveland Clinic facilities across five counties and 12 hospitals in Northeast Ohio, a forensic nursing follow up clinic for survivors of physical and sexual assault, simulation training for new forensic nurses both internally and across the country through the International Association for Forensic Nursing (IAFN), and providing forensic nursing care at Canopy, the first child advocacy center in Cuyahoga County. Current projects for 2022 include launching a "Tele-Sane" pilot program to help increase access to care by a forensic nurse in underserved area or when a forensic nurse is not available in house.

Michele is a member of the Ohio Attorney General's Office Human Trafficking

Healthcare Subcommittee, the Demand Reduction Subcommittee, SART team and a member of the Steering Committee for the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking in Northeast Ohio. She is a member of the Lake County Human Trafficking Task Force and is working to open the first forensic unit in that county in 2023. She has work in collaboration with EMS to crest curriculum on human trafficking and has trained over 1,200 firefighters in Northeast Ohio.