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## MEMO

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TO: Chief Nursing Officers  
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Sexual Assault and Forensic Nurses

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SUBJECT: Regulatory Update — SAFETrack

The Missouri Hospital Association recently distributed a [memo](#) regarding new actions being taken by the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish a telehealth network for purposes of providing support for sexual assault forensic evidence collection. MHA is hosting a [webinar](#) at noon on Wednesday, September 14, that will feature the department as well as Missouri Telehealth Network as they further explain those actions and planned steps for implementation. As mentioned in the memo, a critical link for ordering and tracking sexual assault forensic evidence kits is the Attorney General's SAFETrack system.

The Attorney General's Office recently reached out to MHA noting it had identified information that hospitals need to be aware of concerning barcoding of certain sexual assault evidence kits. The AG's office provided a [list](#) of barcode kit numbers that were entered into SAFETrack by the previous kit manufacturer TriTech. This could have been done a year ago during the testing phase, but these kits were never transferred to hospital inventories within the system. The result is now, when hospitals try to enter these barcode numbers an error message shows the barcode already exists (which is true) but hospital personnel perceive they have done something wrong, or the system does not work. If a hospital runs into this issue, it can be easily rectified through a phone call. The kit can be electronically transferred into the hospital inventory for future use.

Hospitals can proactively help to resolve this issue:

1. Compare the hospitals unused kit inventory to the [list](#) provided for the AG's Office. Determine whether the hospital has these kits now (or in the future).
2. Before the kit(s) are used contact this office to have the items properly transferred to their unused inventory 573-301-2604 or 573-51-2865.
3. If the hospital receives an error message and a kit is not on this list, call one of the numbers listed above and report it.

While SAFETrack currently does not support the process of ordering kits, the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab is moving toward that goal with their new manufacturer. Additional information will be forthcoming. Also, a newly added feature to the kit is an identification card that can be provided to the victim letting them know how to access the system and track their kit. As mentioned in the previous memo, the unique code provided to the patient typically is their birthdate. This should be incorporated into hospital policies and procedures.

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