



SAFE | stop abuse for everyone

SAFE Austin is a facility providing care for adult and adolescent survivors of recent sexual assault at a free community clinic and at 14 emergency departments in four central Texas counties. The program launched in May 2015.

Being a forensic nurse is very difficult, in part because we are receivers of terrible stories of the worst things that happen to people and also because we fiercely advocate for our patients in a criminal justice system that is often dysfunctional and retraumatizing. It is important to support our forensic nurses by providing them with tools and systems that make their work as easy and credible as possible. Cortexflo makes forensic photography of physical and sexual assault injuries simple, accurate, and fast.



# THE CHALLENGE

## WHAT WERE THE CHALLENGES THAT RESULTED IN SAFE AUSTIN SOURCING A CORTEXFLO?

- Staff complaints about the difficulty of colposcopy. The ability to secure good quality images has always been limited by either the skill to operate the colposcope or the lower quality pictures that it captures.
- We want to provide our team with easy to use tools. This work is difficult enough, work culture and equipment should be as frictionless as possible.
- A desire and need for greater functionality and ease of use more than anything else.

# THE SOLUTION

## HOW HAS CORTEXFLO ADDRESSED THE CHALLENGE?

- None of our team wants to use the colposcopes any more.
- Using Cortexflo is certainly easier and faster than using a colposcope and a camera. We can now combine both formats of exam in to one. We do not have to use different cameras for each stage of the exam.
- We can now seamlessly save and track our cases via the Cortexflo software. Each user has their own profile that allows us to always link cases with nurses. This is so much more secure and credible in the chain of custody process.

## WHO EXPERIENCES GREATER BENEFIT FROM USING CORTEXFLO; THE EXAMINER OR THE PATIENT?

- Very much on the examiner side, for sure. We can now focus on the patient without having to place so much effort and time in to securing usable images.
- This benefit is passed on to the patient as exams can now be quicker, more effective and much less time spent repeating processes.

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**– Jenny Black**

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