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Rusty has been a paramedic since 1992 and a registered nurse since 1999. He has worked in Forensic Nursing since 1994 when he joined the International Association of Forensic Nurses. Mr. Rooms designed and implemented the first Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program in Oklahoma County in 1995. His nursing career has been primarily in pediatric emergency nursing and critical care transport. He served as the primary forensic nurse at Oklahoma Children's Hospital emergency department before coming to Texas and joining the staff at Memorial Hermann Hospital. In January of 2001, Rusty initiated the role of Coordinator of Forensic Nursing Services, and has been charged with the duties of implementing and coordinating forensic nursing practice throughout the Memorial Hermann System to include seven hospitals one of which is a level one trauma center. Rusty recently completed his Master's of Science in Nursing at the University of Texas, School of Nursing in Houston as an Emergency Clinical Nurse Specialist and Nurse Practitioner. Mr. Rooms also participates locally and nationally in the education of nursing and emergency care providers in the areas of trauma care and forensic nursing and most recently accepted the appointment of Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing and the University of Rochester in New York where he serves as the Director of the National Forensic Nursing Institute.