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Specialty - SANE Adult/Adolescent & Pediatric, ImageQUEST™ Super-user, Child Physical Abuse, Forensic Photography, Program Coordination

Mrs. Eddleman is the Clinical Coordinator of the CARE (Child Abuse Resource & Evaluation) Team and Director of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program at Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi , Texas. Her responsibilities include the development, implementation and continuing improvement of the CARE Team at Driscoll Children's Hospital. She also directs the adult Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program at Doctor's Regional Medical Center in Corpus Christi , Texas . The program at Driscoll Children's Hospital is a comprehensive program performing sexual assault evaluations, psychosocial evaluations, crisis counseling, safety education, forensic photodocumentation, evidence collection and courtroom testimony.

Prior to relocating to Corpus Christi , Mrs. Eddleman was employed as an Emergency Department Nurse and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner at Northwest Texas Healthcare System, Inc. in Amarillo , Texas .

Mrs. Eddleman has 19 years nursing experience in the areas of trauma/emergency, obstetrics and neonatology, including 10 years experience in the area of adult and pediatric sexual assault. Her professional affiliations include the American College of Forensic Examiners, Nueces County Children's Advocacy Center Board, Nueces County Child Fatality Review Team, the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Emergency Nurse s Association and the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. In addition, she is currently serving as the Secretary /Treasurer for the International Association of Forensic Nurse s.

She has also been recognized by United States Customs Service for her effort in the fight against child pornography. She was also honored with the Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Excellence award in 1998. In 1996, she was honored with the Edith Rust Medical Award of Excellence by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault. She was the recipient of the 1998 Liberty Bell award given by the South Texas Young Lawyers Association for the impact she had made as a non-attorney on the local legal system.