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Chenel Vanden Berk is the Northern Illinois Regional SANE Program Manager for Advocate Healthcare. Chenel has dedicated her career to Forensic Nursing for over 13 years. As a SANE, she combines her passion for helping people with a focus on science and justice. She is a Director at Large for the Illinois Chapter of IAFN; the Co-Chair of the Lake County State's Attorney's Medical Subcommittee, and serves on the Lake County LGBTQ Committee; Lake County State's Attorney's Human Trafficking Council; Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force Medical Subcommittee; the Lake County State's Attorney Sexual Assault Law Enforcement Committee; and the Social Justice Committee of the IAFN (International Association of Forensic Nurses). Her commitment to advocating for healthcare equity and inclusion for survivors led her to serve as a member of Congresswoman Lauren Underwood's Healthcare Advisory Council for the 117th Congress from 2020-2022. She earned her Bachelor of Science from Georgetown University, DC and her Juris Doctor from Loyola University School of Law, Chicago. Prior to nursing, she practiced public interest law in Chicago with a focus on families and domestic violence.