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In my experience the months/years after a sexual assault can be as traumatic as the event itself, especially when you don't have the support you need.

For community members without much personal assistance this can be a lifeline. Sexual Assault can make it feel like it's not even your body anymore, having trauma informed care at this time can be crucial. There is also so much beyond the physical experience and these mental hurdles can last far longer than bruising, lacerations etc.

SA survivors are not all alike and their needs vary depending on circumstance. Believe SANE nurses when they address these needs, besides the victims themselves, these people know more about the reality of the crime's impact than anyone.