

Violence in Healthcare
Prevention and Mitigation Recommendations

1. Clearly Disseminated Zero Tolerance Policy Toward any Form of Violence (signage and patient education).

(Emergency Nurses Association Institute for Emergency Nursing Research, 2010); (Department of Justice, Critical Incident Response Group, National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, FBI Academy, 2002).

2. Flagging of Patient Charts, for patients who have a History of Violence in the Healthcare Setting.

(Department of Justice, Critical Incident Response Group, National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, FBI Academy, 2002); (Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 2004); (Joint Programme on Workplace Violence in the Health Sector, International Labour Office, International Council of Nurses, World Health Organization, Public Services International, 2002).

3. Training of Staff in Recognizing and Managing Potential and Actual Violence.

(Department of Justice, Critical Incident Response Group, National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, FBI Academy, 2002); (Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 2004).

4. Management Commitment and Staff Involvement in prevention activities such that employees feel that staff safety is as important as patient safety. (Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 2004).

5. Streamlining and Simplifying the Violence Reporting Process- (Emergency Nurses Association Institute for Emergency Nursing Research, 2010); (Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 2004).

6. Comprehensive Follow up Care for Staff Members who have been assaulted.

(Department of Justice, Critical Incident Response Group, National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, FBI Academy, 2002); (Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 2004); (Joint Programme on Workplace Violence in the Health Sector, International Labour Office, International Council of Nurses, World Health Organization, Public Services International, 2002).

Additional Recommendations

Security Presence
Visitors must sign in
Badge in to Department
Locked Triage Space
Locked Psych Area
Visitor Tags
Secured Staff Areas
Decreasing Wait Times
Work Site Analysis
Cameras