

Violence in Healthcare NEWSLETTER



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The concern for workplace violence in healthcare continues to be addressed in the news and by various organizations around the country. Increasingly, Federal and state governments are taking notice and have become more involved in highlighting this important issue through awareness, education and enforcement of workplace safety laws.

The attached articles are stories of interest that appeared in news services during the month of **September, 2017**. While all of the links have been checked, we cannot guarantee they will be active at the time you might choose to review the story.

We appreciate your concern for this important topic and for the safety of your patients, visitors and coworkers.



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[Nurses Across Nation Resist Violence](#)

NDSU The Spectrum

“Nationwide, **hospitals** report **violence** from patients because of the increase in drug and alcohol abuse,” Young said. She continued to say that this is ...

[Violence Against EMS Responders and Hospital Staff](#)

SUN News Report (press release)

Many in the emergency response community are noting an increase in **violent** actions directed towards their crews. While the motivations for attacking ...

[Workplace violence risk assessment & resulting plan a must](#)

The Laconia Daily Sun

Recently, I was surprised to find my name appearing in an article in the New Hampshire Union Leader (Five health workers injured in less than a ...

[ER argument leads to gunshots fired in San Bernardino hospital parking lot; no injuries](#)

San Bernardino County Sun

An argument Monday **inside** the emergency room at Community of **Hospital** of San ... Cardillo said earlier in the day that reports of a verbal altercation occurring **inside** the ER prior to the **shooting** were unfounded, but later confirmed ...

[OSHA fines psychiatric hospital for ongoing exposure to violence](#)

Safety.BLR.com

On June 29, the agency issued the hospital a notification for failure to abate **workplace violence** risks. The action follows a serious violation related to ...

[NIOSH Posts Fact Sheet on Preventing EMS Workers' Injuries](#)

Occupational Health and Safety

... use of handheld phones, and manual data input while driving; and establishing a program and setting policies to prevent **workplace violence**.

[Police shoot, kill armed man inside Novant Health in Huntersville](#)

WSOC Charlotte

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. - Police are investigating after officers **shot** and killed an armed man **inside** Novant Health's Huntersville **Medical Center** ...

[Armed man shot, killed by police in Novant Huntersville](#) - WCNC

[Armed suspect shot dead at Huntersville hospital, police say](#) - FOX 46 Charlotte

[Police: Armed man killed after opening fire inside Huntersville hospital](#) - WBTV
[Full Coverage](#)

[Hospital Violence Captures Regulators' Attention](#)

WorkersCompensation.com (press release)

Lowell, MA (WorkersCompensation.com) – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has levied a \$208,000 penalty against a ...

[Sources: Fatal shooting at NH hospital was a 'domestic situation'](#)

WCVB Boston

Sources: Fatal **shooting** at NH hospital was a 'domestic situation' ... Police asked people to avoid the area of the hospital, at 1 **Medical Center** Dr. in ... **shooter** was still **inside** the building and described him as a 6-feet 1-inch tall male ...

[Suspect in custody after active shooter alert at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center](#) - WMUR Manchester

[Active shooter reported at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon](#) - The Dartmouth

[Hospital In Lockdown After Reported Shooting](#) - WKRG
[Full Coverage](#)

[Hospitals must have a clear plan to protect nurses from violence, says National Nurses United leader](#)

Becker's Hospital Review

Ms. Castillo believes comprehensive **workplace violence** prevention plans are a practical step hospitals can take to prevent nurses from arm.

[Hospitals put on edge after deadly shooting](#)

Boston Herald

Hospital violence plagues institutions across the country. In 2014, 52 percent of **workplace violence** were in health care, according to the Bureau of ...

[Lowell Treatment Center ordered to halt admissions after state finds safety issues](#)

Lowell Sun

"**Workplace violence** assaults and injuries continued to occur," OSHA Area Director Anthony Covello wrote in a letter informing Lowell Treatment ...

[Everett Shootings Multiply After Tuesday Hospital Incident](#)

CBS Seattle

Everett Shootings Multiply After Tuesday **Hospital** Incident ... The friends were in possession of a stolen firearm that was **shot inside** their vehicle.

[Violence Against Nurses Is A Serious Problem, But Hospitals Are Basically Policing Themselves](#)

HuffPost

While Preston used to think **violence** came with the career, she now believes that **hospitals** and accrediting bodies should do more to push back ...



[Ferguson: One of America's Most Dangerous Jobs](#)

WorkCompCentral (subscription)

Citing a recent Government Accountability Office report on violence in the health care profession, the article notes that, "the rates of **workplace violence** ...

[Experts Urge Health Care Centers to Plan for Shootings They Hope Will Never Happen](#)

Provider

Crimando said, "This may be OSHA's first attempt at a **workplace violence** ... said, tend to be targets of mercy or grudge killings or domestic violence.

[Delegates Address Violence in Health Care, Homelessness](#)

AAFP News

Louisiana AAFP alternate delegate James Taylor, M.D., of Zachary, testifies during a reference committee discussion on **violence** in the **workplace** ...

[Use Technology to Reduce Violence Against Hospital Workers](#)

Campus Safety Magazine

The frightening fact is that hospital workers — the nurses and doctors who want to help people —experience the highest rate of **workplace violence** in ...

[Area health care workers ramp up training they hope they never have to use](#)

Champaign/Urbana News-Gazette

Violence is a potential threat at all **health care facilities**, and training has been underway at both Christie **Clinic** and Carle to teach staff members how ...

[Greystone: Violence, security probed at trustee meeting](#)

Daily Record

PARSIPPANY — The interim CEO of Greystone Park Psychiatric **Hospital** absorbed a litany of angry accusations from staff members during a board of ...

[Police: Man Killed at Vegas Hospital Had Guard's Stun Gun](#)

U.S. News & World Report

Authorities said a man in police custody **inside** the hospital was fatally **shot** by ... University **Medical Center** spokeswoman Danita Cohen declined to ...

[Metro Police: Officer shoots, kills man who took guard's stun gun at hospital](#) - Las Vegas Sun

[Officer shoots, kills person at UMC](#) - KLAS-TV
[Full Coverage](#)

[Police Investigate Shooting at Grace Medical Center](#)

News/Talk 790 KFYO

Lubbock Police continue to investigate a **shooting** reported at Grace **Medical Center** late Saturday night (Sept...

[Lubbock Police investigating shooting at Central Lubbock hospital](#)

LubbockOnline.com

Lubbock Police investigating **shooting** at Central Lubbock **hospital** ... There were people **inside** and outside of the building, but no injuries were ...

[Mental health workers weigh safety, avoiding stigma after psychiatrist's death](#)

Wichita Eagle

Yet mental **health** workers still face the possibility of **violence** from patients, ... Employees at Via Christi Behavioral **Health Services** also wear panic ...

[Harrington Hospital tightens security after assault on nurse](#)

Worcester Telegram

Harrington said it is working to engage its 1,500 employees with a **Workplace Violence** Committee to share ideas and hear updates, as well as a ...

[ANA: Nurses face on-the-job risks](#)

Safety.BLR.com

... and equipment), prolonged periods of standing, needlesticks, and **workplace violence**. More than half reported musculoskeletal pain while working.

[Piedmont Athens to host EMS conference](#)

Online Athens

... include sessions on pediatric emergencies, EMS patient safety, drug abuse and misuse, sepsis, natural disaster processes and **workplace violence**.

[Man wanting to 'blast it out' with police is killed by officer](#)

Las Vegas Review-Journal

... he wanted to "blast it out" with police died early Monday when a Metropolitan Police Department officer **shot** him **inside** a **hospital** emergency room.

[Expert Nursing Panel to Examine Emergency Department Understaffing and Violence at Southlake ...](#)

Markets Insider

Tomorrow, an expert nursing panel will begin a three-day examination of RN staffing, **workplace violence** and professional practice concerns in ...

[Call made to protect hospital workers](#)

The Union Leader

According to the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, the rate of **workplace violence** is highest among hospital workers, at 8.3 incidents per ...



[Nurse set on fire at Fort Leavenworth tells her story to 'The Doctors'](#)

Kansas City Star

National data shows high rates of **workplace violence** against health care workers and the Missouri Hospital Association is using federal grants to train ...

[Legislation aims to protect nurses from violence](#)

Chicago Tribune

In the wake of a hostage incident at a Fox Valley **hospital** this spring, state Rep. Stephanie Kifowit (D-Oswego) has introduced legislation this week in ...

[Mass. Hospital Makes Security Changes After Nurse Stabbed 11 Times](#)

Campus Safety Magazine

The nurse is currently advocating for a bill, renamed Elise's Law, which will require annual safety risk assessments and workplace **violence** prevention ...

[Police say patient attacked UMass nurse, stabbed her in face with pen](#)

MassLive.com

We sympathize with all of the individuals involved in this incident and are constantly working to strengthen our **Workplace Violence** Prevention ...

[Majority of Clinicians Experience Verbal Abuse, Intimidation](#)

Medscape

The **workplace** appears to be an occasionally toxic environment for healthcare ... Another large majority said they had witnessed **violence**, and most ...

[Violence in the Health Care Workplace](#)

U.S. News & World Report

Health care workers suffer more workplace injuries than any other ... Forty-five percent of all **workplace violence** incidents occur in the health care ...

[What if the nurses disappeared?](#)

MultiBriefs Exclusive (blog)

Bullying in nursing — also known as lateral or horizontal violence — is widely prevalent in the profession, to the point that such **workplace violence** ...
