

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 **December 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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[Gunman at California hospital shot](#)

ABC15 Arizona

A caller from **inside** the **hospital** called 23ABC News and told the station about the **shooting**. Ronnie Nop, who was visiting family in the ICU of the Bakersfield Heart **Hospital** on the 2nd floor on the south side of the Heart **Hospital** told 23ABC News that he saw the **shooter** ran outside into the parking lot at ...

[Gunman at Bakersfield Heart Hospital shot](#) - KERO 23ABC News

[Police: Suspect only person wounded in Bakersfield hospital shooting](#) - KRON4.com

[Suspect only person injured in Heart Hospital shooting](#) - KVOA Tucson News
[Full Coverage](#)

[Reduce Nurse Stress and Reduce Medical Errors](#)

MedPage Today

Off-shifts (nights and weekends), hectic workloads, violence from patients and families, and incivility among staff members can all cause physical and emotional wear and tear among nurses. ... Another source of stress among nurses is **workplace violence**, and cyberbullying meets that definition. Thanks ...

[Cop who shot emotionally disturbed man placed on leave, officials say](#)

NJ.com

JERSEY CITY - The police officer who **shot** an emotionally disturbed man **inside** a mental health facility has been placed on administrative leave, officials said. Monday's **shooting** occurred at the Jersey City **Medical Center's** Liberty Park Residence at 9 Nunda Ave. at about 4:15 p.m., authorities say.

[West Goshen police quell dispute at Chester County Hospital](#)

Daily Local News

West Chester >> On Dec. 2, at 2:22 p.m., officers with the West Goshen Police Department responded to a **fight inside** the Chester County **Hospital**. Officers met with the victim, who had visible marks around his neck and throat. The victim identified Andre Boggs as the aggressor, stating he grabbed him ...

[No Charges in Fatal Shooting of Irma Evacuee at Hospital](#)

U.S. News & World Report

No Charges in Fatal **Shooting** of Irma Evacuee at **Hospital**. A North Carolina prosecutor says he won't charge police who fatally **shot** a 76-year-old Florida man who evacuated due to Hurricane Irma, then fired **shots inside** a **hospital** where he sought treatment. Dec. 14, 2017, at 4:41 p.m.. No Charges in ...

[DA: Officers justified for shooting, killing Irma evacuee in hospital](#) - WSOC Charlotte

[DA: No charges for officers accused of killing FL evacuee at Huntersville hospital](#) - WBTV
[Full Coverage](#)

[Chicago Area Hospital Nurses: Workplace Violence Isn't Routinely Reported, Tracked](#)

Campus Safety Magazine

An investigative report conducted by a Chicago television station has found that hospitals in the city aren't regularly tracking **workplace violence** against nurses or sharing the information with the public. Nurses also tell WGN9 that there aren't sufficient safety measures in place to protect them at the ...

[Industry Voices—4 emerging liability exposures hospitals must prepare for in 2018](#)

FierceHealthcare

The results of the assessment should serve as the foundation of a **workplace violence** prevention program. Once finalized, hospitals must conduct unannounced drills and ongoing staff training with a specific focus on warning signs to watch for, when to diffuse and de-escalate a situation, and when to ...

[Officer's injuries are 'very serious' after UC hospital psych ER shooting, police chief says](#)

WCPO

UC Health security officer **shot inside** or just outside of the doorway of psychiatric ER. He has “very serious” injuries, Chief Isaac said. Suspect fired **shots** at CPD officer. Officer did not return fire. Suspect is dead from self-inflicted gunshot wound. Motive unclear @WCPO pic.twitter.com/GpCSOFnavM.

[Officer wounded, suspect dead after hospital shooting](#) - Fox News

[Police: Security officer wounded, gunman dead in Cincinnati hospital shooting](#) - WLWT Cincinnati
[Full Coverage](#)

[Police release video of Cincinnati hospital shooting](#)

WLWT Cincinnati

He pursued the guard, firing more **shots**. Chief Eliot Isaac told media Thursday morning, "Mr. Currie then walked to his vehicle and it appeared as though he attempted to enter his vehicle, but realized he had left his keys." The video showed Currie going back **inside** the building. An off-duty Cincinnati ...

[GBI: Officer shoots person inside Milledgeville hospital](#)

13WMAZ

(UPDATE 5 p.m.) A release from the Milledgeville Police Department provides more information about what led to the **shooting**. It says the male victim was taken to the **hospital** and was combative in the ER. A fight broke out and ended with an officer **shooting** at the man. He is currently listed in critical, but ...

[Police officer shoots man in Georgia hospital](#) - Becker's Hospital Review
[Full Coverage](#)

[Predicting Failure for Your Workplace Violence Policy](#)

EHS Today

For an article I wrote for EHS Today on bullying and retaliation, I looked at workplace **violence** policies in a random selection of **hospitals** around the country. I looked at their web sites and I called their HR offices, public affairs offices and union offices to find more information. I did find policies (on their ...

[We're the top targets of workplace assault, and we need help](#)

The State

It is time to stand with the 32 other states that have decided to change the culture of health care and say that **violence** is not “just part of the job.” That’s why the I am joining with the S.C. College of Emergency Physicians and the S.C. Emergency Nurses Association in calling on our state legislators to ...