

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 **January 2018**. 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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[Weapon Accidentally Fired Inside Local Hospital](#)

5newsonline.com

FAYETTEVILLE (KFSM) — 5NEWS has confirmed that a firearm was accidentally discharged **inside** Washington Regional Medical Center Sunday (Dec. 31) evening. Police Sgt. Anthony Murphy did not have additional details as of now, but said they are investigating the incident. Washington Regional ...

[Security guard injured in Cincinnati hospital shooting identified](#)

WLWT Cincinnati

Police said he was **shot** by Isaiah Currie, who according to court records had a troubled past. The 20-year-old was out on bond when he walked into the facility with two handguns. Surveillance video from the facility's security camera shows Currie calmly walk in, empty his pockets and then rush through ...

[Shooter at Cincinnati hospital had troubled juvenile and adult court records](#)

WLWT Cincinnati

Family members WLWT spoke with did not elaborate about what may have motivated this **shooting**, or about his mental health. UC Health has not released the name or condition of the security officer injured in the **shooting**; Nelson with Cincinnati Police is on administrative leave per department protocol.

[Violence, An Issue of Psychiatric Clinics of North America. The Clinics: Internal Medicine 39-4](#)

MilTech

Subjects covered include, but are not limited to, violence by parents against children; gender and violence; lone wolf terrorists; inpatient violence; neuroimaging violence; **workplace violence**; gun violence; the military perspective on violence; homicides; suicides; sex offender risk and management; and ...

[Workplace Fatalities Decrease for Health Care Practitioners](#)

JD Supra (press release)

BLS noted that about one quarter of workplace deaths involve transportation incidents. **Workplace violence** fatalities rose 23 percent over 2015. Finally, the agency said that fatal overdoses at work increased by a third in 2015 and have risen at least 25 percent each year since 2012. While these fatalities ...

[Man shot and wounded near GWU Hospital](#)

Washington Post

A man was **shot** and wounded Tuesday night near the George Washington University **Hospital** in the Foggy Bottom area of Northwest Washington, the D.C. police said. The man was reported to be conscious and breathing at the **hospital** after being **shot** about 7:45 p.m. He had been **shot** in the leg, ...

[Management of Violence and Aggression. A Manual for Nurses and Health Care Workers](#)

satPRnews (press release)

Nurses and others in the front-line (paramedics, ambulance staff, **hospital** and GP receptionists, social workers etc) are reporting an increasing incidence of **violence** and aggression from patients/clients. Some of these outbursts have resulted in permanent injury, even death, to the health care worker.

[Security guards kill knife-wielding man **inside** Barnes-Jewish complex](#)

KMOV.com

LOUIS (KMOV.com) --- Two security guards **inside** the Center for Advanced Medicine on the Barnes-Jewish campus fatally **shot** a 46-year-old man who flourished a pair of knives ... St. Louis Children's **Hospital**, which is adjacent to the Center for Advanced Medicine, was placed on lockdown as a result.

[Watchdog report: VA **hospitals** could be left vulnerable to **violence**](#)

Stars and Stripes

Rectanus wrote in a letter to Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn., chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, that the hundreds of VA **hospital** and clinics nationwide recently had been "the target of **violence**, threats and other security-related incidents – including bomb threats and **violent** attacks involving ...

[Bakersfield police announce arrest of hospitalized suspect from **hospital shooting**](#)

Bakersfield Now

FILE -- A still image from surveillance video released by Bakersfield Heart **Hospital** shows a gunman who had **shot** out a glass door Friday, Dec. ... He was met by officers outside the **hospital**, where he was **shot**. ... Once **inside** the **hospital**, he allegedly pointed the gun at several people but didn't fire.

[Lateral **Violence** in Nursing: How to Prevent Bullying and Create a Healthy Work Environment](#)

Corrections.com

Defined broadly, lateral **violence** is **violence** directed against one's colleagues rather than adversaries. Originally used in the context of intraracial conflict, the term has more recently been ascribed to instances of **workplace** bullying. The nursing profession, in particular, has been a focus of study for its ...

[New Hampshire **Hospital** Makes Security, Training Changes After Fatal **Shooting**](#)

NBC Boston (blog)

The fatal **shooting** of a patient at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center has prompted changes to security at the **hospital**, as well as policies on employee communication, education and training. Forty-nine-year-old Travis Frink of Warwick, Rhode Island, is accused of killing his mother, 70-year-old Pamela ...

[**Hospital shooting** witness: 'I thought he was going to kill everybody'](#)

WLWT Cincinnati

He walked between two cars, walked past ours and had two nines, I think. Nines, 45s. It was something. Pistols." The man Lake saw was Isaiah Currie, 20, who eventually **shot** and killed himself after **shooting** a UC Health security guard **inside** the psychiatric emergency services facility on Burnet Avenue.

[Florida **Hospital** implementing new security measures](#)

Orlando Sentinel

"The world around us is changing," said Randy Hartley, chief operating officer at Nemours, in a 2017 interview.

"**Violence** seems to be less and less of an exception." Florida **Hospital** now has 2,500 cameras installed across its Central Florida facilities. It's equipped the security guards with metal detectors ...

[Umbrella prompts gun scare, sends Kirkland hospital into lockdown](#)

Q13 FOX

People **inside** the **hospital** reportedly locked themselves in rooms while police searched for a gunman. EvergreenHealth shared a photo of a man with what some thought was a gun. He saw himself on social media and called Kirkland police to tell them that he had only an umbrella — no weapons.

[Patients at State Psychiatric Hospital Discovered Viewing Child Porn, Prompting Crackdown on ...](#)

KTLA

A crackdown on electronics at a state psychiatric **hospital** that houses people with histories of sexual **violence** has triggered “disruptive behavior” at the facility, with patients breaking windows, clogging toilets and throwing food, officials said. The new regulations, implemented Friday, were a response to ...

[Woman sues Kaiser for alleged sexual assault by medical assistant](#)

East Bay Times

UNION CITY — An East Bay woman has filed a lawsuit against Kaiser Permanente alleging that she was sexually assaulted by a medical assistant when she went in for a routine visit. The woman in her late 30s, who is only named as “Jane Doe,” filed the civil lawsuit in Alameda County Superior Court ...

[Sauk County mental patient charged with attacking caretaker](#)

WiscNews

In this July 2013 file photo, former Dungarvin employee John Herrera displays a bite sleeve the company provided to employees. Herrera was one of several Dungarvin staff who complained to law enforcement in 2013 that they had been attacked by a patient, Jeremy R. Felix, in his Baraboo home.

[Do armed security guards make hospitals safer? Shooting at Barnes-Jewish spurs debate](#)

STLtoday.com

Some **hospital** executives believe that having armed guards sends a conflicting message and adds danger to an already tense and emotional setting. Others say the threat of workplace **violence** should be handled the same as in any other setting, and that armed guards act as a deterrent.

[Shooting at St. Louis hospital spurs debate on the use of armed security in hospitals](#)

SecurityInfoWatch

Others say the threat of **workplace violence** should be handled the same as in any other setting, and that armed guards act as a deterrent. Security guards at Barnes-Jewish on Jan. 11 shot and killed a patient who refused to drop two knives after pushing his way out of a treatment room. Police said the ...

[Florida man arrested for refusing to leave hospital](#)

WWSB ABC 7

... for contraband and **hospital** property. As Deandrade was being transported to the Charlotte County Jail, he began banging on the patrol car and yelling profanities. According to a report, he was taken to jail without further incident and charged with trespassing and resisting an officer without **violence**.

[OSHA unaware of Sauk County workplace attack](#)

Reedsburg Times Press

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration found in January 2014 that employees who cared for a violent mental patient in this Baraboo home along Sauk Avenue had been subjected to "hazardous conditions associated with **workplace violence**." The patient, Jeremy R. Felix, has since been ...

[St. Francis Lifts Lock Down After Negotiating With Suicidal Subject](#)

News On 6

News On 6 received several messages on Facebook around 4:30 p.m. regarding police at St. Francis **Hospital** and it being locked down. Tulsa Police said the subject was found in the parking garage. People **inside** the **hospital** said the announcement on the intercom system said the subject was on the ...

[Window at Northwestern Memorial Hospital damaged by bullets](#)

Chicago Tribune

A window at Northwestern Memorial **Hospital** was damaged by bullets early Friday after Chicago police responded to a call of **shots** fired outside the **hospital**. Officers went ... A **hospital** spokeswoman said there was no gunfire **inside** the building, and the **shots** fired outside were not related to the **hospital**.

[Area hospitals, first responders participate in active shooter training](#)

WDTN

MIAMISBURG, Ohio (WDTN) – Dozens of first responders were put to the test Sunday in an active **shooter** simulation. It comes just days after a 15-year-old opened fire **inside** a Kentucky high school, killing 2 people and injuring several others. It was intense few moments Sunday for staff and first ...

[Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center updates security measures following shooting](#)

The Dartmouth

When Frink fired **shots** in the hospital, a Code Silver, which according to DHMC Institutional Safety indicates "life-threatening workplace violence," was issued over the intercom. But according to William Baddoo '19, who was **inside** the hospital when it was evacuated, very few people knew what was ...

[The Reality of Workplace Violence in Healthcare](#)

Campus Safety Magazine

People working in healthcare and social service settings are 4 times more likely to experience **workplace violence** than anyone else. And 80% of that violence comes from patients with another 12% coming from other clients or customers. The costs mount up. Morale is low when workers do not feel safe, ...
