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## **Agenda**

- National Significance
- Best Practices in Action
- OSUWMC Efforts
- Conclusions

### **National Issue**

Workplace Violence is Increasingly Prevalent in the Healthcare Industry

- 80% of ED physicians and nurses report being victims of assault (NEJM)1
- Workplace violence is 4x more likely in healthcare settings (SIA/IAHSSF)<sup>2</sup>
- ~75% of workplace assaults occurred in healthcare and social service settings (OSHA)<sup>3</sup>
- Healthcare workers have a 20% higher chance of being a victim of workplace violence (NCVS)4
- The Joint Commission released a sentinel alert highlighting issue of increased workplace violence<sup>5</sup>



## **What This Means for Your Hospital or Practice**

Workplace Violence Impacts More than Just Safety



Higher levels of More time off employee dissatisfaction and burnout

work for employees

Higher turnover rate

**High costs** to the health system

### Legislation

U.S. Government Passed Legislation to Reduce Workplace Violence

#### State Level<sup>3</sup>

- Regulations and penalties vary by state
- Examples:
  - Washington HB1931<sup>17</sup> is legislation that requires hospitals to:
    - Have a committee to address workplace violence
    - Develop and implement a plan to address workplace violence
    - Provide violence prevention training
  - Oregon SB 823<sup>18</sup> was passed by Oregon Senate in April to:
    - Make it illegal to retaliate against employees who report incidents of violence in good faith

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#### Federal Level<sup>4</sup>

- H.R. 1309 Passed in the house 11/21/2019
  - Healthcare employers must develop and implement a workplace violence program
  - Latest Update: Received in the Senate and Read Twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions



### **Hospital Workplace Safety**

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### **Best Practices**

Roadmaps Exist to Mitigate Workplace Violence in Your Organization

• Respected agencies and organizations have developed roadmaps and best practices to mitigate workplace violence in your organization

**Joint Commission** 

State Hospital & Professional Associations

**Vizient** 

And many others!

### **Joint Commission Expectations**

- The Joint commission does not currently have standards specific to workplace violence. However, several standards relate directly or indirectly to its prevention including:
  - A chapter in Environment of Care chapter of the Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals (CAMH) requiring organizations to have processes for managing, evaluating, monitoring, analyzing and improving the safety and security of its environment
  - Clinical surveyors discuss workplace violence and other security-related issues during the building tour
  - Labeling workplace violence incidents as sentinel events





### **Hospital Workplace Safety**

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### **Best Practices**

Roadmaps Exist to Mitigate Workplace Violence in Your Organization

- 2 Implement Panic Buttons Jefferson Health
- **3** Threat Management Team University of Utah Medical Center
  - 8 Signage and Environmental Assessment Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
- 4 Violence Screening North Memorial Health Care
- 1 Extra Layers of Security Cleveland Clinic
- 5 Patient Flagging& Communication6 Training and Fducation

Healthcare Center

- 6 Training and Education Sanford Medical Center - Bismarck
- 7 Increased Reporting and Use of Data Medical University of South Carolina & VCU Health System

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Cleveland Clinic

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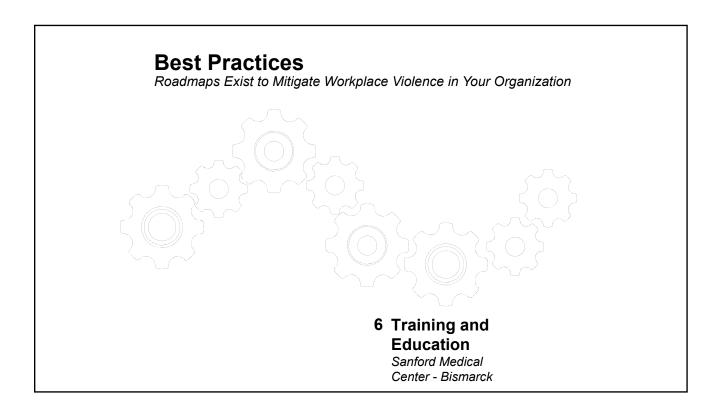
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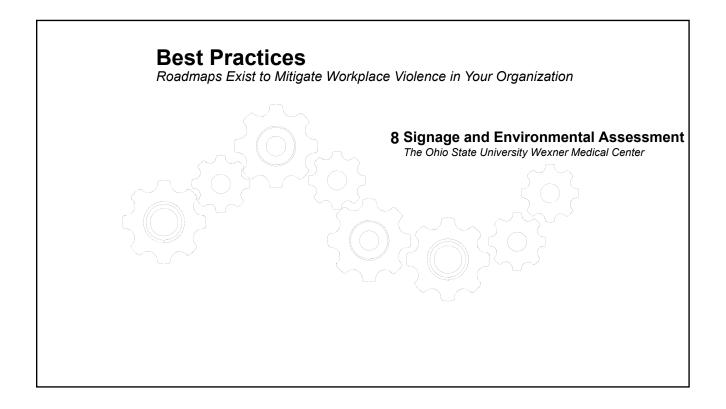
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University of Utah Medical Center













## **OSUWMC Initiatives: Workplace Safety**

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### **Committee Structure**



 Proactively addresses workplace safety initiatives and identifies tactics to ensure the safety and security of providers, staff and patients

#### Steering Committee:

 Consists of representatives from the highest level of leadership at OSUWMC

#### Work Group:

- Consists of representatives of multiple disciplines and care settings
- The Steering Committee and the Work Group work in tandem to accomplish Workplace Safety initiatives at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

## **Workplace Safety Assessment**

 Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (OAHHS) developed a tool that is considered to be "best practice" when evaluating workplace safety

The OAHHS analysis tool evaluates metrics in 9 key areas:

Violence Prevention Program Leadership

Employee Participation Written
Violence
Prevention
Policy

Program Management Communication & Social Marketing

Hazard Identification and Assessment Hazard Control and Prevention

Education and Training Ongoing Evaluation

 Results of the assessment guided the work of the committee throughout the year and has continued into 2020

# The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center: Established Workplace Safety Initiatives

- Workplace Standards of Conduct policy (employee focused)
- Workplace safety CBL & video, departmental education, table-top exercises
- Security supervisors with tasers
- Crisis Assessment Team (CAT)
- · Opioid contracts with patients
- Workplace civility group

### **Workplace Safety: Enhanced Practices**

- BERT team
- · Disruptive Patient & Visitor Policy
- ID badge change
- Security changes
- Security officers body worn camera
- Patient Rights & Responsibilities
- Signage
- · Faculty/Staff resource tool
- · Visitor management assessment

## **Signage**

- "Our goal is to provide you with an exceptional healthcare experience. We will do our part. We need you to do your part. Please show respect to our staff. Threatening behavior will not be tolerated. Violent Behavior toward a healthcare worker or hospital security is considered a crime under Ohio law. ORC 2903.13."
- Signage displayed in the emergency departments and in Medical Center lobby locations



### Patient Rights & Responsibilities

Be considerate to all members of the healthcare team, fellow patients, and visitors. Be thoughtful about your language, behavior, and conduct. Abusive or disrespectful behavior which threatens OSUWMC's culture of safety could result in removal from the facility, dismissal from OSUWMC providers, a referral to OSUWMC security, and/or a referral to law enforcement.

I acknowledge that I have been offered a copy of the Patient Rights and Responsibilities and I agree to abide by the terms outlined in the Patient Rights and Responsibilities

**General Consent** 

**Patient Rights and Responsibilities** 



## **Current Initiatives**



Evaluate, prioritize and implement recommendations for Visitor Management provided by consultant group



Evaluation of visitor management system vendors



Establish process for reporting, documentation and support for staff after an incident occurs



Developed weapon screening process at Emergency Department Ambulance Entrance



Enhanced Ohio State University Police Department presence in EDs



## **Concluding Thoughts**

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