The presentation will begin shortly.
What is Violence?

• The intentional use of physical force or power resulting in harm to another person or oneself

• Community violence – child maltreatment, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, suicide, youth violence

• Workplace violence – any act or threat of physical assault, harassment, intimidation or other coercive behavior
In the US, more than 55,000 deaths annually and 2.5 million violence-related injuries

Direct cost of nonfatal injuries is $5.6 billion per year with $64.8 billion in lost productivity

23 percent of hospitals identify violence as a community health need

Health care workers victims of over 11,000 assaults annually

54.5 percent of emergency nurses experience physical or verbal violence regularly
Violence Prevention Guides

Hospital Approaches to Interrupt the Cycle of Violence

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AONE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

MITIGATING VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE

Introduction

Workplace violence is an increasingly recognized safety issue in the health care community. Workplace violence is generally defined as any act or threat of physical assault, harassment, intimidation and other coercive behavior. It also includes lateral violence, or bullying, between colleagues (e.g. nurses/nurse, doctors/nurse, etc.). In 2010, the Bureau of Labor Statistics data reported health care and social assistance workers were the victims of approximately 11,370 assaults by persons. While workplace violence against health care professionals can and does happen everywhere, the hospital emergency department is among the most vulnerable settings. According to a 2011 study by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), 54.5 percent out of 6,504 emergency nurses experienced physical violence and/or verbal abuse from a patient and/or visitor during the past week. The actual rate of incidents of violence is much higher as many incidents go unreported, due in part to the perception that assaults are “part of the job.”

The American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) and ENA convened a Day of Dialogue to discuss how incidents of violence are currently addressed in hospitals, as well as the need to create an environment where health care professionals, patients and families feel safe. The outcome of the meeting was the development of guiding principles, as well as a tool kit, to assist nurse leaders in systematically addressing measures to decrease and control violence in the workplace. The focus of these resources is the hospital setting; additional work is needed to address workplace violence across the care continuum.

The guiding principles and priorities listed below are steps to systematically reduce lateral, as well as patient and family violence in the workplace.

Guiding Principles

1. Recognition that violence can and does happen anywhere
2. Healthy work environments promote positive patient outcomes.
3. All aspects of violence (patient, family and lateral) must be addressed.
4. A multidisciplinary team, including patients and families, is required to address workplace violence.
5. Everyone in the organization is accountable for upholding foundational behavior standards, regardless of position or discipline.
6. When members of the health care team identify an issue that contributes to violence in the workplace, they have an obligation to address it.
7. Intention, commitment and collaboration of nurses with other health care professionals at all levels are needed to create a culture shift.
8. Addressing workplace violence may increase the effectiveness of nursing practice and patient care.

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES
Mitigating Violence in the Workplace

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Presentation Objectives

• Recognize the issue of workplace violence and its impact on nursing
• Describe how the guiding principles were developed
• Identify the role of the nurse leader in mitigating violence in the workplace
• Discuss the tools to develop a workplace violence prevention program
What is workplace violence?

Workplace violence is generally defined as any act or threat of physical assault, harassment, intimidation and other coercive behavior.
Who is involved?

- Physical violence and/or verbal abuse from a patient and/or visitor occurs at an alarmingly high rate
- Workplace violence also includes lateral violence, or bullying, between colleagues
Violence in ED settings

Safety:
- 57.6% of nurses rated the safety of their ED as a 5/10 or lower
- 81.1% of nurses have taken a course on handling workplace violence
- 53% of hospitals do not provide this training
- 50.5% of hospitals have a “Zero Tolerance” policy
- 51.7% of nurses surveyed reported their confidence in “How prepared they are to handle violence against themselves” as a 5 or less out of 10

Administrative support:
- Only 16.2% of nurses said their hospital administration was “completely committed” to eliminating violence against nurses
- 40.1% of nurses said their ED management was completely committed
- 55% of nurses reported that they were completely committed
55.6% of nurses surveyed over all 16 rounds reported that they had experienced:

- Physical violence
- Verbal violence
- Physical and verbal violence

Precipitating factors included:

- Alcohol (79%)
- Boarding of admitted patients (43.3%)
- Acceptance of violence as a coping method (47.9%)
- Drug seeking behavior (88.2%)
- Dementia/Alzheimer’s patients (44.2%)
- Crowding (78.4%)
Environmental effects

- 1/3 emergency nurses surveyed considered leaving their ED or emergency nursing because of ED violence
- The majority of the participants who were victims of workplace violence did not file a formal event report
- The presence of reporting policies (especially zero-tolerance policies) was associated with a lower odds of physical violence and verbal abuse
- Nurses whose hospital administration and ED management are committed to workplace violence control are less likely to experience workplace violence
Findings

• 46 respondents submitted narrative accounts of an episode of physical or verbal violence while providing care in the emergency setting

• Narrative analysis used to uncover meaning of the experience

• All narratives were reviewed by at least two members of the research team
Findings

Three broad themes and eight subcategories emerged:

1. Environmental
   - culture of acceptance
   - unsafe workplace
   - nobody cares, nothing changes

2. Personal
   - lingering trauma
   - permanent injury and loss
   - denial of impact
   - changes in job responsibilities, hours or location (e.g., moving to a different department or hospital)

3. Cue recognition
   - without provocation
Conclusions and Implications

• Violence remains a significant problem in the ED
• Clear predictors and antecedents to violence, both personal and environmental
• Varying levels of commitment to eliminating ED violence
• Nurses do not feel safe at work
• Costs to nursing in terms of physical injury and financial loss are significant
Conclusions and Implications

- Underlying culture of acceptance in emergency departments may contribute to incidence and prevalence of violence
- Difficulty in enacting and enforcing felony laws related to the assault of a nurse
violence can and does happen anywhere
Addressing the issue:
Day of Dialogue

• AONE & ENA discussed how incidents of violence are currently addressed in hospitals
• Ideal state is an environment where health care professionals, patients and families feel safe
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Five Priority Areas

1. Foundational behaviors to make this framework work
2. Essential elements of a zero-tolerance framework
3. Essential elements to ensuring ownership and accountability
4. Essential elements of training and education on workplace violence
5. Outcome metrics of the program’s success
Collaboration is Key

Management commitment & employee involvement are complementary and essential to an effective policy. Policies must be developed with input from staff at every level in the organization.
Everyone in the organization is responsible for reporting & responding to incidents of violence.

Standards are clearly defined & every person in the organization (including patients and families) is held equally accountable.
The Role of the Nurse Leader

• Know your facility’s history, incidence and processes related to workplace violence
• Strive to create a safe space for staff to discuss violence
• Assure that resources are available to train and support staff
• Promote foundational behaviors and hold staff accountable
• Know your community resources
• Be the champion for mitigating violence in your facility
Mitigating Violence Toolkit

The toolkit enables nurse leaders to:

1. Understand workplace violence
2. Develop a zero-tolerance policy
3. Assess the risk factors in their facility
4. Develop a workplace violence prevention plan
5. Train and deploy staff
6. Evaluate the changes and identify next steps
Presentation Overview

- Over 50% of surveyed ED nurses reported experiencing workplace violence
- Decreased odds of workplace violence can be attributed to the presence of reporting policies and training
- Collaboration and advocacy among associations, organizations and state legislatures is essential for raising awareness and enacting laws to combat workplace violence
- Guiding principles for mitigating workplace violence and an accompanying toolkit are available as a result of AONE and ENA dialogue
Once is too often
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Violence Exposure

Consequences

Poor physical, developmental and emotional health

Long term physiologic / brain changes

School failure, drug abuse, delinquency

More violence
Goal: Help kids become healthy adults

We want this CHOP patient to be:
• Safe in her house
• Safe in her school
• Safe in her community

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A CHOP-wide effort to interrupt the cycle of violence. VPI builds on years of hospital and community partnership and research to address bullying, assault re-injury and domestic violence.

Visit us at: chop.edu/violence
VPI: Overall Approach

• Hospital-wide initiative:
  – Harness internal expertise to tackle issue
  – Employee engagement
  – Communications: Inform and synergize
  – Trauma Informed

• Select and Elevate signature programs:
  – Provide infrastructure
  – Enhance capacity to provide care & evaluate
  – Research: range from pilot to randomized trials
Tiered-Risk Approach

The right support at the right time

• **Universal Risk**: exposed to aggression and bullying
  – School-based bullying prevention programs
  – Clinical screening tools
  – Trauma Informed Care

• **Targeted Risk**: exposed to IPV in the home
  – Screening in pediatric clinical setting and referral to resources

• **Selected Risk**: exposed to assault injury
  – Identify in ED/Trauma, refer to intensive case management
VPI Signature Programs
Proofs of concepts

• Bullying
• Domestic violence
• Assault re-injury
• Trauma-informed Training
Partner for Prevention

Comprehensive Bullying Prevention for Elementary Schools
Free2B
Multimedia Bullying Prevention for Middle Schools
Bullying Screening
Clinical Practice Model

Collaborated with Department Champions to create screening tools for bullying: incorporated screening tools and handouts into individualized workflows, also making them available for wider use.
Bullying Screening
Clinical Practice Model

1. Screening Questions:
   • Do you feel that you are being bullied and/or Do you feel you have bullied others?
   • Probes: methods, reasons, duration and impact

2. Handouts: Series of six “all about bullying:”
   • Tip sheets on what is bullying, types of bullying (social/cyber), population (youth/parent) and weight-related bullying

3. Link to Resources:
   “Resources for Families” page available on Violence Prevention Initiative website:
   www.chop.edu/violence
Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Prevention at CHOP

On-site IPV screening and counseling for patient families; Training for providers
Violence Intervention Program

Community-based support services for assault injured youth
Trauma-informed Care

Training for CHOP employees to recognize signs & symptoms of trauma in patients, families and co-workers and respond properly
WHAT IS TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE?

The SAMHSA definition of “trauma-informed approach”

Realize

Recognize

Respond

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TIC in pediatric healthcare

- 60% of children exposed to traumatic event in past year
- Millions of children in healthcare system every year
- Provider burnout, compassion fatigue

Mitigate consequences of trauma and lead to better health outcomes

Child health outcomes
Employee Need for TIC Training

I feel that we are responsible in helping prevent PTSD and providing resources whether it be from a traumatic event or just from the trauma of being in a hospital.

-- ICU and Surgical Trauma Nurse

When your main focus is to keep them safe, I feel that we tend to miss cues that the patient is struggling.

Pediatric Critical Care Nurse--
How To Implement TIC?

- Establish a leader
- Identify champions throughout the healthcare networks
- Identify institutional assets/barriers
- Start small, allow for natural growth
- Partner 1st with motivated departments/groups
  - Meet unique needs of groups
- Use technology
  - Create Webinars/Learning Links
- Integrate into existing trainings
- “Train the Trainer”
What Resources Are Needed?

- Minimum: 1 expert in TIC with time to deliver a few trainings
- At CHOP:
  - Year 1: 10% Training Lead (psychologist), 30% Trainer (MSW)
  - Year 2: Added 2nd 30% Trainer
    - Leveraged time from other programs
- Since July 2013
  - TIC trainings for 34 groups, given 57 TIC lectures
  - Trained 850 staff, faculty, and trainees in CHOP network
  - Trained 650 professionals outside of CHOP in-person
  - Trained 200 via webinar
## Preliminary Outcomes

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↑ patient satisfaction scores for “nurses talked about my concerns”
How does the practice of TIC change your care of patients?

The practice of trauma-informed care positively affects the care I will provide and increases effective practice.

Reminds me to think about the patient’s trauma history.

[TIC] is a more holistic approach that makes patients feel heard, validated, and safe.

Reminds me that families are stressed and [when they act out] not to take it personally.
Resources

• Free2Be

• Children’s and Mom’s Project
  – http://www.instituteforsafefamilies.org/

• Violence Intervention Program
  – http://nnhvip.org/

• Trauma-informed Care Training
  – www.chop.edu/violence
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