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New Inpatient Program Stems ‘Epidemic of Violence’

A pilot program out of Sinai Health System in Toronto, Ontario, shows promise for improving workplace safety, writes Deborah Brauser for Medscape.

The program focuses on geriatric patients with behavioral disturbances, high-risk, high-need patients who are more likely to have violent episodes.

The program, called the Behavioral Optimization and Outcomes Support Team (BOOST), promotes prevention and training, including flagging patients with certain conditions or on certain medications that are likely to indicate behavioral concerns.

Over the four years the program has been in place, Sinai has shortened patient stays and increased staff satisfaction.

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Veterans Hospital Killings Spotlight Problem of Violence Against Health Care Workers

Several high-profile incidents of violence against health care workers, including the murder of three women in a California veterans’ home last month, are shining a spotlight on the risks they face at work every day, writes Elizabeth Chuck for NBC News.

Health care workers encounter one of the highest rates of workplace violence, with four times the number of serious incidents than other private industries.

Yet despite the frequency of workplace violence in the health care industry, there are no federal regulations that protect health care professionals. OSHA offers voluntary guidelines and there are some state laws, but by and large, health care workers must rely on their employers to develop and implement safety plans, leaving many vulnerable.

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