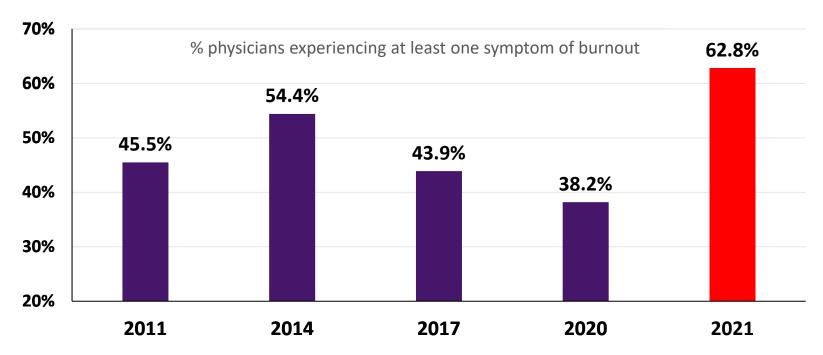


# **Protecting Our Healers**

AMA Interim Meeting Friday, November 11, 2022

# Why now? Physicians in crisis



Source: Changes in Burnout and Satisfaction With Work-Life Integration in Physicians Over the First 2 Years of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Shanafelt, Tait D. et al., Mayo Clinic Proceedings, In press.

# Mistreatment and discrimination among physicians

In this study,
 mistreatment and
 discrimination by
 patients, families, and
 visitors were common,
 especially for female and
 racial and ethnic minority
 physicians, and associated
 with burnout.



Source: Dyrbye LN, West CP, Sinsky CA, et al. Physicians' Experiences With Mistreatment and Discrimination by Patients, Families, and Visitors and Association With Burnout. JAMA Netw Open. 2022;5(5):e2213080. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.13080



# Personal experience of mistreatment and bias

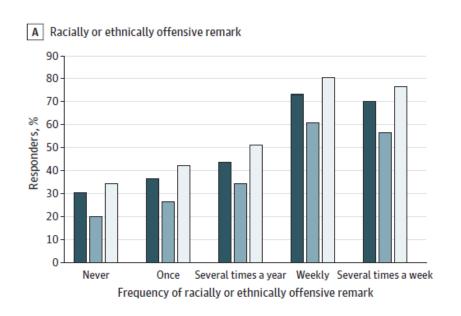
	Respondents,	No. (%)										
	Male						Female					
	Non-Hispanic						Non-Hispanic Non-Hispanic					
Experience	White (n = 2307)	Black or AA (n = 70)	AAPI (n = 354)	Indigenous or other (n = 113)	≥2 Races (n = 44)	Hispanic or Latino (n = 212)	White (n = 1315)	Black or AA (n = 111)	AAPI (n = 327)	Indigenous or other (n = 69)	≥2 Races (n = 56)	Hispanic or Latino (n = 157)
Been subjected to												
Offensive racially or ethnically remarks	476 (20.7)	40 (57.1)	182 (51.7)	51 (45.1)	18 (41.9)	69 (32.5)	321 (24.4)	61 (55.0)	192 (59.3)	44 (63.8)	28 (50.0)	73 (46.5)
Offensive sexist remarks	361 (15.7)	7 (10.1)	53 (15.1)	15 (13.3)	11 (25.0)	30 (14.2)	716 (54.6)	49 (44.5)	155 (47.7)	39 (56.5)	30 (53.6)	78 (49.7)
Unwanted sexual advances	363 (15.8)	16 (22.9)	39 (11.1)	21 (18.6)	12 (27.3)	42 (19.8)	422 (32.1)	38 (34.5)	87 (26.7)	21 (30.4)	22 (39.3)	40 (25.5)
Offensive remarks related to sexual orientation	197 (8.6)	4 (5.7)	22 (6.3)	9 (8.0)	9 (20.9)	20 (9.4)	173 (13.2)	11 (9.9)	38 (11.7)	16 (23.2)	9 (16.4)	25 (15.9)
Had a patient or his/her family refuse to allow them to provide care because of the physician's personal attributes	337 (14.7)	31 (44.3)	114 (32.4)	28 (24.8)	16 (37.2)	47 (22.2)	312 (23.8)	42 (37.8)	117 (36.1)	30 (43.5)	18 (32.1)	55 (35.0)
Been physically harmed (eg, hit, slapped, kicked)	348 (15.1)	6 (8.6)	29 (8.2)	18 (15.9)	14 (31.8)	26 (12.3)	247 (18.8)	12 (10.9)	55 (16.8)	11 (15.9)	8 (14.3)	23 (14.6)

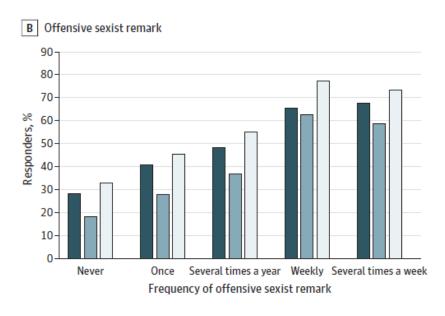
Abbreviations: AA, African American: AAPI, Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander.

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# Percentage with emotional exhaustion, depersonalization, and burnout







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# **AMA Policy**

### Code of Medical Ethics

### 1.2.2 Disruptive Behavior and Discrimination by Patients

Topic: Code of Medical Ethics Policy Subtopic: Opinions on Patient-Physician Relationships (1.2 Special Issues in Patient-Physician Relationships)

Meeting Type: NA Year Last Modified: 2020
Action: NA Type: Code of Medical Ethics

Council & Committees: NA



The relationship between patients and physicians is based on trust and should serve to promote patients' well-being while respecting the dignity and rights of both patients and physicians.

Disrespectful, derogatory, or prejudiced, language or conduct, or prejudiced requests for accommodation of personal preferences on the part of either patients or physicians can undermine trust and compromise the integrity of the patient-physician relationship. It can make individuals who themselves experience (or are members of populations that have experienced) prejudice reluctant to seek care as patients or to provide care as health care professionals, and create an environment that strains relationships among patients, physicians, and the health care team.

Trust can be established and maintained only when there is mutual respect. Therefore, in their interactions with patients, physicians should:

(a) Recognize that disrespectful, derogatory, or prejudiced language or conduct can cause psychological harm to those who are targeted.

Always Vigilant

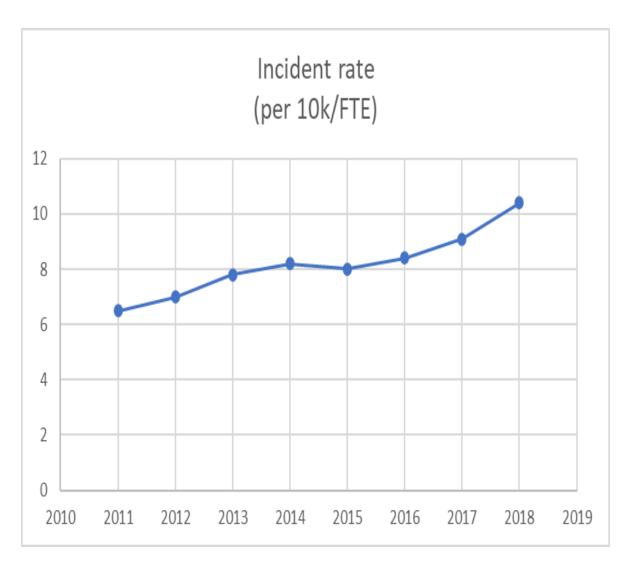


# **Protecting our Healers**

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# Workplace Violence (WPV)

# A national concern



**25%** of surveyed nurses reported they were physically assaulted by a patient or patient family member (**ANA**).

The incidence of nonfatal workplace violence to healthcare workers was **10.4 / 10,000 workers**.

The rate for all industries was **2.1** (**US Bureau of Labor Statistics**).

Healthcare workers have a **20%** higher chance of being the victim of workplace violence than other workers (National Crime Victimization survey).

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# What have we done to address WPV & Improve Safety?

- 1. Patient and Visitor Pledge
- 2. WPV Multidisciplinary Task Force & System wide Oversight with Security Assessment to determine our capabilities

2019

Physical	% Complete
Doors	90
Walks	92
Partitions/Barriers	100
Lighting	90

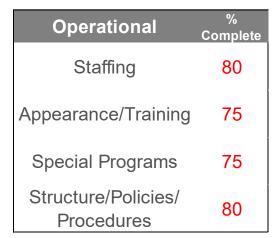
Technical	% Complete
Access	50
Surveillance	75
Alarms	50
Communications	75

Operational	% Complete
Staffing	75
Appearance/Training	50
Special Programs	0
Structure/Policies/ Procedures	50

Today

Physical	Complete
Doors	98
Walks	100
Partitions/Barriers	100
Lighting	98

Technical	% Complete
Access	90
Surveillance	85
Alarms	90
Communications	85





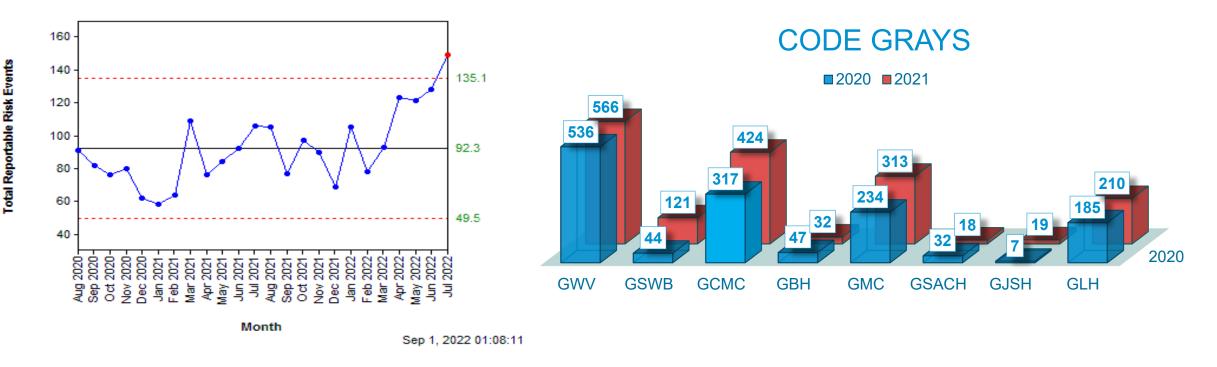
3. Security consultation is now required on all facility construction and renovation projects

# What have we done to address WPV & Improve Safety?

3. Emphasis on reporting, collection and data analysis



Code Gray incidents increased by 21% in 2021



Geisinger security incidents are escalating in numbers, & in seriousness

# Investment in Technology - Strongline

Creates safer environment and timely notifications to security and staff

### How does it work?



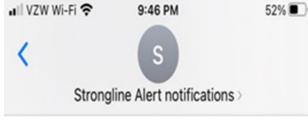
Over 6200 staff have now been badged

2021

358 Activations

2022

2022



Fri, Nov 6, 8:06 AM

Amanda Merk needs help in the vicinity of GBH > 1st > ED - Room 8

Dispatched security to GBH > 1st > ED - Room 8

Resolved issue at GBH > 1st > ED - Nurse Station Front: Duress incident / handled by security

### **Currently Deployed**

GBH, GSACH, GSWB, GWV, Woodbine

# By Year-end 2022

GCMC, Pittston Healthplex, GMC

### **Early 2023**

GJSH, GMCM, GLH, Gray's Woods

**375 Activations** 

# **Metal Detectors and Their Impact**





### Interceptions

Knives: 5000

Pepper Spray: 346

Firearms: 130

Tasers/Stun Guns: 20

**Others:** 1800

\*prybars, hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches, razor blades, handcuffs, tasers, stun guns, brass knuckles, scissors, bullets, chemical mace, etc., etc.



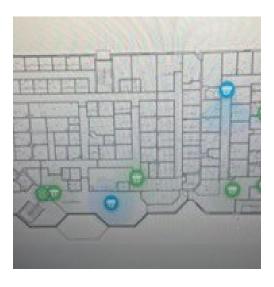
# **Security Cameras**

Geisinger added nearly **200** cameras embedded with artificial intelligence (AI)

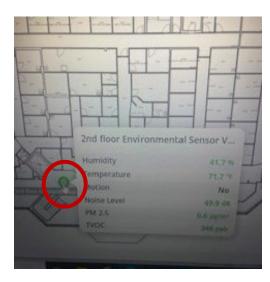
# Capable of

- facial recognition
- vehicle identification
- license plate reading
- much more

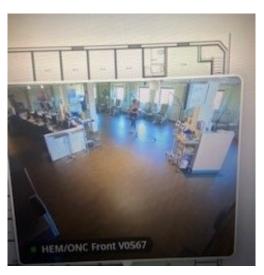
Intuitive Interface



Various Sensors



Smart Heatmaps



# Our hands on approach

# **Training**

- Active shooter training and drills
- Systemwide de-escalation & defensive training
- Threat assessments

### Support

- Escorting staff and patients
- "Stand-by" duties for staff dealing with aggressive patients or employees
- Safe keeping of patient valuables

# **Technology**

- Security cameras with embedded AI
- Modern security records management system
- Implement regionalized dispatch







# Equity Series Received Security Secur

# Security K9 Program

# Aria & Vicki Housner

Skills and training include explosive and firearm detection as well as tracking and de-escalation

Since February 2020, over 200 successful deescalations and 214 Code Gray (combative person) responses

Two explosive searches within Geisinger facilities

Dozens of police assists for bomb threats, protective sweeps, and homicide investigations



# Improving the competency of our officers

### Competency and certifications

### Pennsylvania Act 235 Certification

- 20% of Security Staff Certified.
- Administered by PA State Police
- Focus on the PA use of force law and associated tactics.

**Career Ladder** – requires progressive levels of certification by the International Association of Healthcare Safety and Security (IAHSS).

GMC Security as a "**Program of Distinction**" by IAHSS for demonstrating best practices in healthcare security. Less than 50 hospitals in the nation have been bestowed this honor.

# The Next Step

# Establishing a Geisinger Police Force

# Geisinger plans to create a police force within Security Operations

- first officers sworn in by end of this year
- goal is to have 20% of Security be police officers within 3 years

Geisinger police officers will have full police powers on Geisinger property













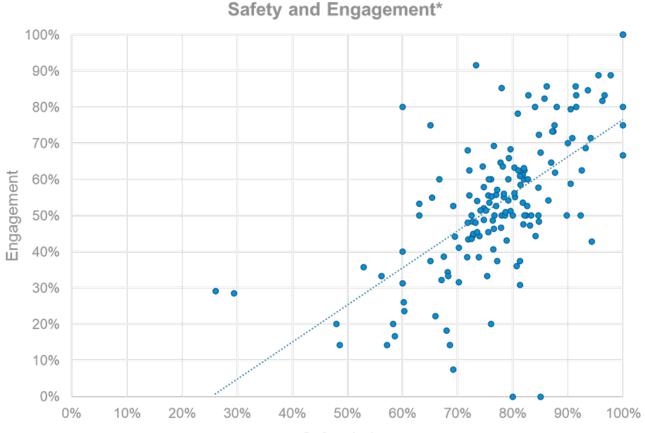






# **Employee Engagement and Safety**

87% of our surveyed employees believe their supervisor takes action to address safety concerns that are brought to their attention



"... our society has changed, and people are carrying weapons, I no longer feel 100% safe at my workplace."

"Security should be taken more seriously. The actions of society in general are becoming more erratic and aggressive."

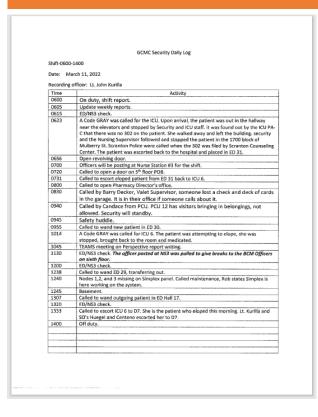
"Improve security at clinic sites. With more active shooter situations happening, we need more security guards and cameras."

"We are repeatedly demeaned, harassed and threatened. We need security in our clinic."

# The evolution of security

# Continued growth is necessary to meet today's demands and needs

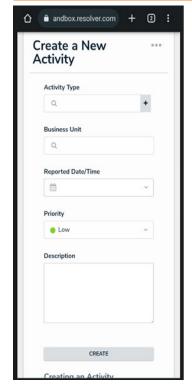
### **Then**





- Daily activities recorded on a note pad and transferred to a Word document at the end of shift
- Activities are inconsistently recorded
- Manual reports









- Daily Activities captured on a Mobile Device, in real time
- Activities instantly updated
- Reports are auto generated in the system

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# New & revised JC standards for WPV effective January 1, 2022

- Defining workplace violence (now includes Sexual Harassment).
- Leadership oversight.
- Worksite analysis (risk assessment).
- Develop policies and procedures for the prevention of workplace violence.
- Reporting systems, data collection, and analysis is required.
- Post-incident strategies.
- Training and education to decrease workplace violence.











# Questions?





