

Northern Light Health Task Force to Study the Process for Bringing Criminal Cases in Situations of Violence Against Health Care Workers

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### Overview

- Northern Light Health reporting is based on employee reports of disruptive behavior events by an aggressive patient that occur at our member organizations
- Events include assaults along with verbal and physical acts of aggression that do not result in bodily harm
- The data included in this presentation reflects all disruptive behavior events
- 99% of offenders in the data are patients, very few employee-toemployee occurrences. No visitor offenders were reported for the data set.
- Unless otherwise identified, data includes all member organizations

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### **Disruptive Behavior Events by Year**

 The average number of disruptive behavior events per month for the past 16 months is 70 events



NLH Disruptive Behavior Events by Year

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## Disruptive Events by Employee Category

• The following data reflects NLH disruptive behavior events by employee category in 2021. The events occurred in various departments including the emergency department

Job Title Not classified	24
Other Job Title	10
C.N.A	79
RN/STAFF/CLINICAL LEAD/CHARGE/ASST MGR NURSING	320
PHYSICIAN/PA/NP/ASST PHYSICIAN	22
PSYCH TECHS/OBSERVERS PATIENT AIDES/ED TECH	86
Security	35
Medical Asst	12
Respirator/Physical therapy/Radiology/Endo/sonography TECHs/Pharmacy and Phlebotomy	28
Paramedics/EMT	11
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATORS/CLINICIANS/CARE MGMT	10
DIRECTOR/MGR SUPERVISOR CLINICAL AREAS (OUTPATIENT)	6
REGISTRATION/BILLING/PATIENT RELATIONS/ACCESS MGMT	29 *MOST ARE VERBAL ENCOUNTERS BY TELEPHONE SOME IN PERSON
UNIT COORDINATORS/SECRETARY	11

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#### All NLH Emergency Departments: Disruptive Behavior Events by an Aggressive Patient



Event Date is within November, 2020 and April, 2022 Report Run: 05-25-2022 By: ALISON BUTLER

- Adult vs. Pediatric Patients
- There can be more than 1 event per aggressor

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### All NLH Emergency Departments: Disruptive Behavior Events by an Aggressive Patient



- Age 0-17 highlighted by Orange square
- · Fewer individual pediatric patients but with a higher likeliness of repeat events

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# of Events

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# NLH Calls to Law Enforcement for Disruptive Behavior Events by an Aggressive Patient



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