

Research Linking Workplace Safety Culture and Patient Safety Culture

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Data Source



- Analyses used data from the pilot test of the SOPS Hospital Survey 2.0 with Workplace Safety Supplemental Item Set in 2021
- 28 Hospitals
- 6,684 Respondents

Relationships With Workplace Safety





Workplace Safety and Patient Safety Culture





- Overall, a more positive workplace safety culture for providers and staff was related to a more positive patient safety culture
 - 63% of relationships between the 10 workplace safety measures and 11 patient safety culture measures were significantly related

Workplace Safety and Patient Safety Culture





- Workplace safety measures related to ALL patient safety culture measures
 - Overall Rating on Workplace Safety
 - Supervisor, Manager, or Clinical Leader Support for Workplace Safety
 - Management Support for Workplace Safety
- Workplace aggression was generally not associated with patient safety culture

Workplace Aggression in Emergency Departments



Workplace Safety Aggression Measures	Database % positive	Emergency dept % positive	% point difference
Addressing Workplace Aggression From Patients or Visitors	56%	18%	-38%
In this unit, there is a problem with patients or visitors being verbally aggressive toward providers or staff.	48%	13%	-35%
In this unit, there is a problem with patients or visitors being physically aggressive toward providers or staff.	64%	24%	-40%

Source: 2022 Updated Results for the AHRQ SOPS Workplace Safety Supplemental Item Set for Hospitals

Workplace Safety and Overall Rating on Workplace Safety





All workplace safety measures significantly related

Strongest relationships

- Hospital Management Support for Workplace Safety
- Supervisor, Manager, or Clinical Leader Support for Workplace Safety
- Workplace Safety and Reporting
- Protection from Workplace Hazards

Workplace Safety and Job Satisfaction



- 5 of 9 workplace safety measures were significantly related
- Strongest relationships
 - Work Stress/Burnout (higher burnout related to lower satisfaction)
 - Hospital Management Support for Workplace Safety
 - Workplace Safety and Reporting
 - Supervisor, Manager, and Clinical Leader Support for Workplace Safety
 - Protection from Workplace Hazards



- ► Work Stress/Burnout (higher burnout associated with higher intent to leave)
- Hospital Management Support for Workplace Safety
- Workplace Safety and Reporting

Strongest relationships

Supervisor, Manager, and Clinical Leader Support for Workplace Safety

Conclusions



- Higher Workplace safety scores were related to
 - Higher Patient Safety Culture scores
 - ► Higher Overall Ratings of Workplace Safety
 - Higher Job Satisfaction
 - Lower Intent to Leave
- Consistent and strong predictors of these outcomes were:
 - Supervisor Support for Workplace Safety
 - Management Support for Workplace Safety,
 - Workplace Safety and Reporting, and
 - Work Stress/Burnout

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