

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **CENTRALIZED BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION AND CONSULTATION**

Function Category: PATIENT-FOCUSED ORGANIZATION STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Care of Patients**

Heading: **Behavior Management**

Key Word(s): **Violent Behavior**

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Purpose: **Reduction of violent behavior in chronically violent psychotic patients.**

Brief Description: **This program is focused on reducing violent behavior in these patients. Other goals are the reduction of injuries to staff and patients, maximizing all treatment modalities, and improving the quality of life for patients. These chronically intractable are identified clinician to clinician, assessed and have behavior therapy and programming planned, integrated, and initiated for them. Operant classical conditioning are combined with other modalities (psychotherapy, rehabilitation, etc.) and enhance them. A behavior intervention psychologist provides training, modeling, coaching, monitoring, and feedback to the nursing staff who carry out the behavior modification.**

Selection Basis/Criteria: **Since the inception (January 1993), the original six patients in this program achieved the desired goals and the hospital considers the program to be largely responsible for a significant reduction of violence, use of restraints and staff injuries throughout the hospital.**

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

Photographs Video Tape Drawings Manual

Other _____

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