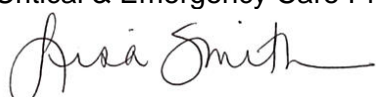


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PURPOSE

To ensure compliance with the *Mandatory Gunshot Reporting Act* (Bill 110) which enables police to prevent further violence, injury, or death.

POLICY STATEMENT

Per the *Mandatory Gunshot Reporting Act* (Bill 110) 2007, c. 30, s. 3.:

- (1) Every hospital, facility or service that treats an individual for a gunshot wound shall disclose to the local police service
 - (a) the fact that an individual is being treated, or has been treated, for a gunshot wound;
 - (b) the individual's name, if known; and
 - (c) the name and location of the hospital, facility or service.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies whether or not the treatment by an employee of a hospital, facility or service is at the premises of the hospital, facility or service.
- (3) The disclosure required pursuant to subsection (1) must be made orally by the prescribed person as soon as it is reasonably practicable to do so without interfering with the individual's treatment or disrupting the regular activities of the hospital, facility or service.

PROCEDURE**Special Instructions**

- “This mandatory requirement supersedes the need for preservation of confidentiality on the part of the health care provider and is comparable to the reporting requirement that accompanies suspected child abuse” (Colleges of Nurses of Ontario, Aug. 31, 2005).

Method

1. Without interfering with the patient's treatment, Emergency Department (ED) staff will notify the Greater Sudbury Police Service **via the direct line** of any gunshot incident as soon as possible upon entry into the ED. Report the following information:
 - A. The name of the patient, if known
 - B. The location of the reporting facility
2. Documentation of compliance with legislation will be recorded on the nursing record.