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Few decades ago, there was no concept of active shooting at a hospital. However, the situation is now changed. The active shootings at hospital are intricate and hard to deal as they happen without much observation and end before the police arrives the crime scene. Active shooting at the hospital involves a set of rules when it comes to responding to the scene (Schwerin & Goldstein, 2019).

Milwaukee-area children's hospital's Shooting Incident

A twenty-year-old man, Ashanti Hendricks, was carrying a firearm at Neonatal Intensive Care and police arrived at the hospital to arrest him on felony warrant for not appearing in court. He had pleaded guilty for possession of firearms. The police found him holding a baby. He did not surrender on police's demand, instead took out his handgun and started running down the hallway. He was shot in arm by police and resisted even after being shot (*Milwaukee Children's Hospital Shooting Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Reports Active Shooter, Gun, n.d.*).

Brigham and Women's Hospital's Active Shooter Training

On January 20, 2015, Stephen Pasceri entered in Brigham and Women's Hospital around 11 in the morning and requested to talk to cardiovascular surgeon, Dr. Michael J. Davidson. When the doctor walked into exam room, Pasceri argued about the medicine and treatment of his mother. In rage, he shot him twice and later shot himself. The doctor underwent an eight hours long surgery but could not survive.

To tackle such situations, Brigham and Women's Hospital recorded a training video about acting shooting incident. The video was recorded at hospital and the staff played different roles. It is evident that the hospital has prioritized the security.

Video Analysis

The video effectively presents the basic instructions including staying calm, precisely following police officer's instructions, calling helpline, escaping, hiding and in extreme cases fighting the shooter. The video suggests the viewers to be aware and prepared.

The training video prepared by Brigham and Women's Hospital includes all basic and fundamental instructions on how to deal with an active shooting incident. It is effective for the medical staff as it helps them understand the essential approaches for any unfortunate incident. The video appears clear and understandable for everyone ranging from medical staff to physician. Each instruction is highlighted and explained well due to which it is easy to recall the instructions in case of incident at the hospital.

Suggested Changes

Although the video covered all the important steps and instructions which will help in case, an incident occurs. Following are some of the suggestions which can improve the video.

The video should include directions about taking care and providing medical aid to anyone who is shot by the active shooter. The medical staff acting to help the injured may confuse and threaten the shooter, due to which shooter may become more violent. Moreover, the video should also include instructions for the medical staff about protection of immobile patients.

In some incidents, there is more than one active shooter at different locations of a hospital. So, it is important to find out which path is clear, and people can take to escape. Sometimes seeing the victims fleeing from the hospitals make the shooter feel threatened and causes to open fire.

The video includes fighting as the third steps in case people are not able to run or hide. Facing the shooter can be difficult and in case the victim has to fight, they should also be trained on fighting tactics. The video can also elaborate the ways to minimize the interaction

with shooter. In addition to this, it can be helpful to include information about kind of objects that can be used to fight or protect oneself.

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