

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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PERFORMANCE GAP/ ACTIVITY NEED: The largest health system in New York—Northwell-- has taken a public health approach to gun violence prevention, focusing on key areas such as research, medical education, clinical screening, advocacy, and community engagement. Under Dr. Sathya's leadership, the center has leveraged the health system's diverse patient population and wide reach to implement groundbreaking preventative strategies and perform high-level research. Dr. Sathya was recently awarded \$1.4 million from the NIH to study gun violence prevention and implement a first-of-its-kind protocol to universally screen among those at risk of firearm injury. The grant is part of the health system's "We Ask Everyone. Firearm Safety is a Health Issue" research study, which aims to shift the paradigm to view gun violence as a public health issue and approach firearm injury risk similarly to other health risk factors that are part of routine care, like smoking, substance use and motor vehicle accidents. Furthermore, Dr. Sathya spearheaded the formation of the National Gun Violence Prevention Learning Collaborative for Hospitals and Health Systems, which is a multi-year multi-phase platform in which hospitals and integrated health systems can learn about gun violence prevention from experts, engage in open dialogue, develop best practices through an iterative process, and implement and evaluate strategies for the prevention of firearm related injuries and deaths.

It is important for physicians to be updated on the multitude of new evidence regarding strategies to reduce gun violence and new opportunities for research [Source: CSathya, MD, 7/12/22, personal communication].

DESIRED OUTCOMES: At the end of the activity, attendees will be able to:

- evaluate gun violence as a public health issue not a political one.
- incorporate key elements of a public health approach to gun violence.
- incorporate practical tips on how to screen and counsel.
- describe basics of hospital-based violence intervention.

LEARNERS: all clinicians

DESIRABLE PHYSICIAN ATTRIBUTE: provide patient-centered care, apply evidence-based practice, improved communication skills