

Nursing Survey

Nurse Comfort and Knowledge Assessing Firearm Access and Providing Patient Education on Safe Gun Storage

Firearm Knowledge Questions

Please answer **True/False/Not Sure** to the following questions:

1. Approximately 40,000 people in the United States die every year from gun violence.
2. Massachusetts has the lowest rate of gun deaths in the US.
3. The majority of firearm related deaths in the US each year are homicides.
4. Massachusetts state law does not require guns to be securely locked in the home.
5. Massachusetts state law prohibits clinicians from asking about guns in the home unless there is a safety concern.

Current Practice Questions

1. Do you currently ask patients about gun accessibility or ownership?
2. If yes, please describe situations in which you would ask patients about gun accessibility.

Nursing Comfort with Assessment of Firearm Safety and Gun Storage Questions

Please answer the following questions using a scale of 1-4:

1= uncomfortable
2= somewhat uncomfortable
3= somewhat comfortable
4= comfortable

1. How comfortable do you feel asking a patient about gun ownership or accessibility?
2. How comfortable do you feel asking a patient about gun storage?
3. How comfortable do you feel providing education on safe gun storage to a patient?
4. Please describe what you think are **BARRIERS** to asking patients about firearm ownership and safe gun storage: Please check all that apply and write in "other" barriers as needed.
 - A. Lack of knowledge about firearm safety and safe gun storage
 - B. I feel unsafe
 - C. I don't know what to do with the information I collect
 - D. I don't have time
 - E. I don't have educational information to share with patients on this topic
 - F. Other: _____

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5. Please describe what you think are **FACILITATORS** to asking patients about firearm ownership and safe gun storage: Please check all that apply and write in "other" facilitators as needed.
- A. Receiving education about firearm safety and safe gun storage
 - B. Having a policy in place to document this information once it is obtained from the patient
 - C. Having a safety protocol in place in case the situation becomes uncomfortable
 - D. Having educational information, I can hand to the patient for them to read themselves
 - E. Having educational information, I can hand to the patient and review with the patient
 - F. Other: _____

Nursing Education Questions

Please answer **YES** or **NO** to the following question:

1. Would a class on firearms safety and safe gun storage help you feel more comfortable asking patients and providing education on firearm safety and safe gun storage?
2. What type of learning strategy would be most helpful to you? Select all that apply:
 - A. A 1-hour class involving security and other disciplines, including nursing
 - B. A half day training course involving security and other disciplines, including nursing
 - C. A HealthStream training module
 - D. Other: _____

Patient Education on Safe Gun Storage

Please answer **YES** or **NO** to the following questions:

1. If you had a safe gun storage educational pamphlet for patients, would you feel comfortable providing this information to patients?
2. Are you familiar with the pamphlet on firearm ownership and safe gun storage that was recently developed by the MGH Gun Violence Prevention Coalition?
3. What type of patient learning strategy do you think would be most effective?
 - A. A pamphlet on firearm safety and safe gun storage for patients and families
 - B. A brief video for patients to watch on firearm safety and safe gun storage
 - C. Other: _____
4. When do you think is the best time for nurses to provide education/educational materials on safe gun storage to patients?
 - A. At Admission
 - B. During hospitalization
 - C. At Discharge

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Demographic Questions

1. How old are you?
 - A. 20-30 years
 - B. 31-40
 - C. 41-50
 - D. 51-60
 - E. 61 or Older

2. What is your gender?
 - A. Female
 - B. Male
 - C. Other

3. What is your highest level of completed education?
 - A. Diploma
 - B. Associate degree
 - C. Bachelor's degree
 - D. Master's degree
 - E. Doctoral degree

4. How many years have you been a nurse?

5. How many years have you worked at MGH?

6. Have you ever served in any branch of the military or armed services? (Yes/No)

7. Have you ever been employed in law enforcement? (Yes/No)

8. Have you ever used a gun for hunting or sport? (Yes/No)

9. Have you ever taken a training course in how to use a gun? (Yes/No)

Please answer **YES** or **NO** to the following question:

1. Would you be interested in participating in an interview with a study investigator, so we can learn more about how to meet the educational needs of nurses and patients on firearm accessibility and safe gun storage? The interview will take about 15-20 minutes-

If you answered YES, please email our study team

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