

Just the Facts

WYNN HOSPITAL

Each week, "Just the Facts" provides information about a key aspect of the Wynn Hospital being built by Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS). It is designed to keep our medical staff, employees and volunteers updated and to share with family, friends and neighbors so we keep our community informed about how we're transforming healthcare in our region.



TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022:

Are there any specific reviews for ligature risks in the Wynn Hospital?

Patient safety is a primary concern for all hospitals and healthcare systems across the country. Hospitals and behavioral health facilities must ensure all ligature and self-harm risks are identified and reduced as much as possible. For these efforts to succeed, leadership and all staff must be educated on how to understand, identify and correct physical environment fixtures and objects that may pose a ligature risk to patients. The smallest risks must be identified and eliminated – even something like loose caulking can introduce significant dangers.

Last week, the MVHS Ligature Team visited the Wynn Hospital for a walk through to ensure the current construction met the requirements for ligature risks in hospitals. The team walked the whole ninth floor Behavioral Health area including the courtyard. They also walked through the third floor Intensive Care Units and through the Emergency Department, reviewing all fixtures and finishes.

The review went very well and met the requirements. This type of review will continue as work progresses and these areas are finished so that we can ensure a safe environment for all patients and staff.