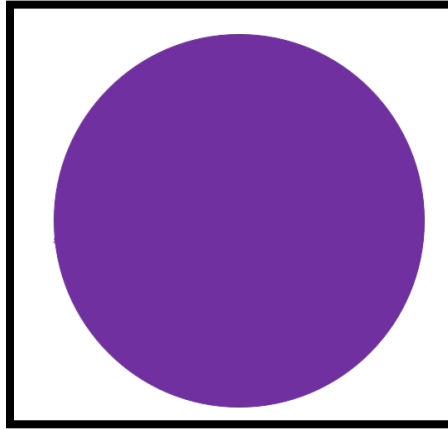


Emerson Health Purple Dot Project



It is our goal at Emerson to create a safe and respectful healing environment. We are taking active steps to prevent verbal or physical threats and assaults on patients, visitors, and staff.

There are patients in the hospital who may occasionally become aggressive, threatening, or violent. Many of these patients are reacting to an unfamiliar environment while they are confused or have a medical condition that is contributing to how they are behaving. The staff will take steps to decrease confusion and will calm and reassure patients to keep everyone safe.

If a patient has become aggressive, the staff may add a “Purple Dot” sign to their door. The sign is a signal to hospital staff that they need to use caution as they care for the patient. The sign will be removed by staff if the patient’s behavior settles down, for example if the medical condition improves and the person is no longer aggressive.

Use of the sign is not a part of the patient’s permanent medical record.

The posted sign cues members of the care team to pause and check in with the nursing staff before entering the room. This includes members of the Food Service, Facilities, Housekeeping, and Phlebotomy teams who enter rooms to support care and would not otherwise look at patient charts to learn about their medical condition. Thank you for supporting the safety of the care environment.