



SB469: Notice for Posting December 2015

Oregon Nurse Staffing Legislation: Implications for Patients & Families

It is important for patients and their families to be aware of SB 469, state legislation that provides oversight to nurse staffing for patient care areas in all Oregon hospitals. The Oregon Nurse Staffing Law is to ensure that patients receive safe care based on sufficient nurse staffing, which will be enforced by the Oregon Health Authority.

Important elements of Oregon's Hospital Nurse Staffing Law that you should know:

- Each nursing unit has a staffing plan in place to provide for the care needs of the patients on that unit.
- The staffing plan is developed in partnership between the nurses who provide patient care and the nurse managers of this hospital.
- The staffing plan includes detail about the number of nursing staff as well as nursing skill and competencies needed to provide safe and quality care for patients on this unit.

If you have a concern about your care, please bring it to the attention of your nurse or a nurse leader for this hospital.

Nurse leader name and phone number: DEPARTMENT NURSE MANAGER 541-573-7281

Please give the hospital the opportunity to help resolve your concern about nurse staffing and/or patient care. If you are unable to resolve your concern with hospital personnel, you may call the Oregon Health Authority, Health Care Regulation and Quality Improvement division, at: 971-673-0540.

To access the entire nurse staffing law: <http://www.oahhs.org/sites/default/files/SB469.pdf>