

**Department of Patient Services
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
FOR UNDERGRADUATE WOMEN**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2011

The Department of Patient Services is pleased to offer the following research project for the summer of 2011. Interested students are urged to contact the faculty member(s) directing the project that most interests them. By contacting the faculty member, you can discover more about the project, learn what your responsibilities will be and, if possible, develop a timetable for the twelve-week research period.

**Reducing staff injuries at a psychiatric inpatient facility at Cincinnati
Childrens Hospital Medical Center**

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Project Description

Personnel working in psychiatric units routinely encounter a multitude of health hazards with consequences not found in other work sectors. These consequences are not only to the employee (staff injuries, job satisfaction, quality of patient care, and turnover) but have ramifications to the organization as well (lost work time, compensation claims, job replacement/training, patient care, patient safety, and poor employee perception of organizational commitment to health and safety).

Occupational safety health data consistently shows the highest number of staff injuries in CCHMC's Patient Services occur due to patient interactions at College Hill. Since reduction of staff injuries is part of CCHMC's strategic operational plan for FY11, investigators will develop interventions aimed at reducing the number of staff injuries resulting from patient interactions on these units. A secondary aim will be to improve staff reporting of injuries and standardize reporting across all psychiatric units at the College Hill campus.