

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **PROJECT ON MALINGERING**

Function Category: PATIENT-FOCUSED ORGANIZATION STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Assessment of Patients**

Heading: **Initial and Continual**

Key Word(s): **Malingering**

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Purpose: The purpose of the Project on Malingering is to clearly identify individual patients who are feigning or exaggerating psychiatric symptoms or memory impairment to avoid prosecution of criminal charges. Additionally, the purpose is to educate hospital clinical staff, court officials and court appointed psychiatric examiners about the indicators of malingering in an effort to avoid inappropriate hospital admissions and/or assure clear documentation of observations that evidence malingering in the jail or hospital. The ultimate goal of the Project on Malingering is to minimize unnecessary expense to the State of California and to minimize hospital length-of-stay for individuals committed due to incompetence to stand trial by maximizing the resources available to assist them in gaining or regaining trial competence.

Brief Description: Specific training is provided for hospital clinical staff, court officials and court appointed psychiatric examiners.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

Photographs Video Tape Drawings Manual

Other : _____

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