



SSWLHC
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Leadership in Health Care

Pulse Tragedy

Sadly, our country is familiar with tragedy but here in Orlando, Florida we felt the collective grief most intensely on June 12, 2016. Early that morning, the tragic event at the Pulse nightclub unfolded only two blocks from Orlando Regional Medical Center (ORMC). Having planned and prepared to deal with mass casualties, ORMC, Central Florida's only level-one trauma center, was well prepared for the worst mass shooting incident in our nation's history.

After the dust settled, ORMC treated 44 victims who arrived in the trauma center with gunshot wounds. More than 75 operations were performed on the victims. Unfortunately, nine of the victims perished.

This horrific tragedy brought out the best in the teams here at ORMC and all of Orlando Health, and the organization is humbled by the enormous outpouring of love and gracious offers of support. To our community, our state, our nation, our world, thank you!

Our hearts and prayers continue to be with the Pulse nightclub victims and their families. Orlando, as a community, continues to work through this trying time together.

*sidenote – several of our SSWLHC members are Orlando Health team members (Mary Norris Brown, past Society President and Lynell Mulcahy, LCSW) played a major role in working with the Pulse patients/families. Their teams provided countless hours of counseling and support to both patients/families and to the community.