## **POLICY REMINDER:**

## Handling possible Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) interactions at our hospitals

Recent changes to federal policies have raised questions about the possibility of visits to Northwell hospitals and emergency departments by ICE agents.



## Any requests or demands from ICE agents should be immediately shared with:

- 1. Hospital administrator on duty and site security, and
- 2. Corporate security (516-321-6900, press 1), <u>and</u>
- 3. The Northwell attorney on call, available 24x7 (516-321-6650)

## **REMEMBER:**

You should provide information or grant ICE agents access to non-public areas only after verification and guidance by Northwell Security or Legal Affairs.

Always be respectful to the ICE agents, which includes never physically blocking them in any way.

As always, patient information is protected under HIPAA. Northwell Security or Legal Affairs will provide guidance on disclosing patient information since it is only permitted under specific circumstances, including judicial warrant or subpoena.

