

FBI's Search for Hospital Slayer

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Veterans Administration hospital officials admitted only emergency cases and stopped all but emergency surgery yesterday as the FBI searched for a killer suspected of injecting a deadly drug into patients.

Extra nurses and orderlies were hired to keep watch over patients, and doctors said fear and tension is growing among the staff.

A hospital spokesman said there had been frequent patient exchanges with the University of Michigan hospital, but VA officials and FBI agents refused to say whether other hospitals now are involved in the search.

VA officials awaited laboratory tests that could definitely link the respiratory failures with deliberately injected muscle-relaxing drugs. At least eight deaths were believed to have been caused in that manner.

The deaths halted ten days ago when the FBI announced it was entering the case.

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