

# Gun Violence Prevention Navigators: A Consult Service for Clinicians

## ERPOs and gun violence/suicide



Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) are a civil tool that allow Maryland clinicians to petition the court to temporarily restrict access to firearms for patients who are at risk of harming themselves or others.



Research suggests ERPOs are a promising tool for preventing death by suicide, with **one life being saved per every 10-20 ERPOs filed**; however, they are underutilized by clinicians due in part to logistical difficulties associated with petitioning.

## How we can help

To address some of the barriers clinicians face to using ERPO, a team of researchers has partnered with Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc. (BCRI) on a pilot program to establish a Gun Violence Navigator who can accept referrals from JHH clinicians. This navigator collaborates with patients, families, and clinicians to make recommendations about gun access and suicide risk and, when indicated, manage the ERPO petitioning process.

**Questions about the pilot  
program? Reach out to  
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