

DGO 8.04 Critical Incident Response Team- Public Comment Responses

#	Public Comment	Date Received	Joint Response	Explanation
R1	"Use of force where suspect is admitted to the hospital should be changed to 'use of force where the person is treated on the scene or transported for medical treatment.'"	3/27/23	Recommendation will not be included in Draft DGO	Once a suspect is admitted to the hospital, the incident is deemed a "covered incident" and is investigated by the District Attorney. The Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) supports members through that investigation process. Therefore CIRT involvement in this process is determined by the DA's Office responsibility over "covered incidents" and would not extend to suspects being treated at the scene or during transportation. However, a member or supervisor is encouraged to contact CIRT any time they believe a response is warranted.
R2	"'Where suspect is admitted to the hospital.' This should be edited to reflect hospital admittance is related to or caused by the use of force. E.g. - OC spray UOF incident but custody admitted for heart failure or diabetes (unrelated to UOF)."	4/20/23	Recommendation will not be included in Draft DGO	In instances where force was used, no matter the cause of injury, if the suspect is admitted to the hospital, a DA's Office investigation is triggered. It is during such investigations that CIRT supports members no matter if the use of force is found to be correlated to the cause of hospital admittance. The investigation itself will uncover whether the hospital admittance was related to the use of force or not.