

We are extremely saddened that a Sierra Tucson patient took his own life late last month. Our deepest sympathies are with his family and friends. Our caregivers, who dedicate themselves daily to patient care, share in the loss from this tragic event.

We are taking this situation extremely seriously and are reviewing what happened to see if we can make improvements that might enhance the quality of patient care. We are also cooperating with a review by appropriate agencies, which is still in a preliminary stage. Out of respect for the privacy of this patient and his family, we are limited in what else we can say.

Sierra Tucson treats patients with very complex and challenging issues – many of whom are referred to us by a broad range of behavioral health facilities and hospitals because of our advanced care - and is widely known for the quality care we provide. Because of the difficulty of the issues our patients face, treatment is highly individualized and each case is unique.

Like other treatment centers that care for patients with very difficult issues, suicide prevention is a key focus at Sierra Tucson. We are committed to providing quality treatment and the safest care possible.

We have been a leader in the behavioral health field for 30 years and have treated more than 20,000 patients. Our outcome data demonstrates the excellence of our care. We are accredited by independent organizations, such as the Joint Commission, and maintain one of the highest staff-to-patient ratios in the field. While that all pales in the face of this loss, this tragic event has only reaffirmed the commitment of our caregivers to provide the very best compassionate care they can to our patients.