

*Project Veritas Alleges CBS Used Fake Patients In News Story, CBS Denies the Allegations: We 'Did Not Stage Anything'*

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*OPINION | This article contains political commentary which reflects the author's opinion.*

*Project Veritas dropped another bomb today, alleging that CBS used fake patients in a news story. CBS has denied the allegations as "100% false."*

*Apparently CBS wasn't too happy that actual patients didn't show up to scheduled filming of local coronavirus testing, Project Veritas claims, so they decided to use fake patients to create their video reel.*

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*The video dropped this morning from Project Veritas showing empty streets with no line to get tested. The testing site is located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the Cherry Health Center.*

*From Cherry Health's Twitter: "Cherry Health is an independent, nonprofit FQHC located in Michigan, serving Barry, Eaton, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon, Ottawa and Wayne counties."*

*This video seems to show empty streets and no patients around.*

*We have the corporate supervisor, a nurse, and the registration specialist all on audio saying that CBS News created the news instead of reporting the news.*

*Nick Ross (Corporate Cleaning Site Supervisor): "Apparently, the news crew wanted more people in the line because they knew it was scheduled."*

*Registered Nurse working the clinic: "Well, we knew that they (CBS News) were coming, we had no clue that we were going to have to like do fake patients."*

*Interviewer(Project Veritas Insider) to the Professional Registration Specialist: "Gotcha... Did she (Glenda Walker) tell you guys like, 'Hey, you're not actually getting tested'?"*

*Maria Hernandez-Vasquez (Professional Registration Specialist): "Yeah. She (Glenda Walker) did. She (Walker) wants to make it look busy for the news 'cause they're right there."*

*If that wasn't bad enough, let's talk about whether or not they swabbed people and wasted resources or whether or not they were "treating" fake patients alongside real patients.*

*Interviewer (Project Veritas Insider): “I didn’t see you guys do the swab at all, I just saw you talking with them, and I was talking to the other girl...” The Project Veritas insider was interrupted by Alison Mauro-Lantz.*

*Alison Mauro-Lantz (Infectious Disease Educator): “We Pretended... There were a couple of real patients, which made it worse.”*

*Oh, you think? You think mixing healthy people with sick people is a bad idea? Why didn’t you look CBS in the eyes and tell them to screw off? I guarantee you if a smaller news organization walked up to them and ask for the same treatment, these individuals would laugh them out of their clinic.*

*It is common practice to never mix healthy patients with sick patients. Almost all of my doctors’ offices have two separate waiting rooms for this very reason. This is beyond negligent, and what is going to happen if one of these sick people infects someone and they die? Are all of these people to blame?*

*Registered Nurse: “They probably just wanted to make it look busy is my guess.”*

*From the [Project Veritas Website](#):*

*“A CBS News crew pulled medical professionals off the floor at the Cherry Medical Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to line up in their vehicles so a CBS film crew would have a long line for their COVID-19 coverage.*

*“Our insider witnessed the whole thing and came to Project Veritas, because he knew we would protect him,” said James O’Keefe, the founder and CEO of Project Veritas.*

*“The insider told us that medical personnel were taken away from treating patients and making the line longer for actual patients [TO] wait for the COVID-19 test,” he said.*

*In an interview with the insider, O’Keefe asked the insider: “You’re telling me you’re a hundred percent certain that CBS News, CBS News Corporation–national, staged a fake event. They faked the news. They faked the reality and broadcasted that to all of their audience last Friday on “CBS This Morning.”*

*The insider said to him: “A hundred percent. Absolutely.”*

*And here is the statement that [Project Veritas](#) received from CBS News:*

*The CBS News statement reads in full:*

*“CBS News did not stage anything at the Cherry Health facility. Any suggestion to the contrary is 100% false.*

*These allegations are alarming. We reached out to Cherry Health to address them immediately.*

*They informed us for the first time that one of their chief officers told at least one staffer to get in the testing line along with real patients.*

*No one from CBS News had any knowledge of this before tonight. They also said that their actions did not prevent any actual patients from being tested. We take the*

*accuracy of our reporting very seriously and we are removing the Cherry Health portion from the piece.”*

*It is up to you to believe either CBS’s statement or the people at Project Veritas.*

*The audio recordings are damning. These people are gross. They used the fear behind this pandemic to create the news instead of report it.*

*The crazy thing is that these “journalists” will probably receive Pulitzer Prize awards for their bravery during this time, while the people at Project Veritas will be dragged through the mud and be called right-wing conspiracists.*

*Watch the full expose here:*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=3&v=oQWRCECbN-Y&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=oQWRCECbN-Y&feature=emb_logo)

