



CORRECTIONS MEDICINE
Inmate Segregation Assessment and Rounds
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To provide a medical and mental health screening assessment for any immediate medical or psychiatric needs and to ensure that patients have access to care and knowledge of processes to obtain medical care.

- II. **POLICY:** When a patient is transferred to the segregation unit a staff member from the Department of Justice Services (DJS) shall notify the nurse assigned to the segregation unit so he/she can perform a health assessment on the patient. A nurse shall observe all patients during medication pass times each day. The mental health staff shall make weekly rounds to determine the mental fitness and/or needs of segregated patients.

- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All staff working in the Corrections Medicine program are responsible for the content of this policy and procedure as well as adherence to the policy.

- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
 - 1. Daily Nursing Segregation Rounds
 - a. Medications are passed to patients in the segregation unit during regular medication pass times each day. All patients in the segregation units are observed by the nurse and are allowed to submit sick call, mental health, and/or dental requests.

 - 2. Initial Transfer
 - a. Upon transfer of a patient to the segregation unit from general population, DJS staff shall notify the Corrections Medicine staff of the transfer.

 - b. The nurse assigned to the segregation unit is responsible for performing the segregation assessment on all patients who are transferred.

 - c. The segregation assessment shall include, but not be limited to medical or mental health complaints or injuries, instruction on obtaining medical assistance, and the sick call process.

 - 3. Weekly Mental Health Rounds
 - a. All patients in the segregation unit shall be assessed by a member of the mental health team weekly. A checklist with observations shall be documented and filed in the medical department.

 - b. Patients who appear to be in need of medical or mental health services shall be referred according to the mental health assessment. The mental health provider shall document the visit in the electronic medical record.