



CORRECTIONS MEDICINE
Drug and Alcohol Withdrawal
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To establish the current process regarding detoxification of those persons in the care of the Corrections Medicine staff at the Buzz Westfall Justice Center from alcohol and/or drugs.
- II. **POLICY:** The Department of Justice Services (DJS) and Corrections Medicine staff shall provide withdrawal care to those persons with a history of alcohol/drug abuse or dependency, who present to custody under the influence of drugs of abuse.
- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All persons working in the Corrections Medicine program are responsible for the content of and adherence to this policy.
- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
 - 1. All patients who enter the facility reporting to have recently used alcohol, benzodiazepines, or opioids shall be started on evidenced-based withdrawal scoring protocols per Corrections Medicine policy.
 - 2. Upon intake, all patients shall be given an opt-out urine drug screen to screen for the presence of substances that could lead to medically dangerous withdrawal. All patients positive for alcohol, benzodiazepines or opioids shall be started on evidence-based withdrawal scoring protocols per Corrections Medicine policy.
 - 3. Detoxification requires special training and certification, which currently is not held by this facility and the programs therein, thus shall not be performed at the Buzz Westfall Justice Center.
- V. **REFERENCE:**
Standard 4-ALDF-4C-36; Performance-Based Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities; 4th Ed; American Correctional Association, June 2004