

Police - Prisoner Management

Title: Police and Patient-Prisoner Management Main Hospital
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Policy Statement

It is the policy of [REDACTED] to provide guidelines and instructions for personnel and law enforcement officers regarding patient / prisoner treatment. Administrative and clinical decisions for patients under legal or correctional restrictions are coordinated between clinical and police/correctional staff, including seclusion and restraint for non-clinical purposes, disciplinary actions, any restriction of rights, planning for discharge/continuing care and length of stay.

Attachments

Attachment A: Law Enforcement General Orientation Sheet – Hospital

Attachment B: Documentation of Orientation Review with Law Enforcement

Rationale

To provide a safe environment for patients, visitors and staff.

Definitions - None Applicable

Process

1. All law enforcement officers acting in an official capacity while on the premises will coordinate their work with the Security Department, and be responsible for the information on the "Law Enforcement General Orientation Sheet" (see Attachment A).
2. Law enforcement officers must be in control of their weapons at all times. Officers are expected to ensure that their weapon cannot be unknowingly seized from their possession. Law enforcement officers who present on Hospital property, but not in an official capacity, must disarm themselves by securing their weapons in the Hospital's gun locker. Any patient / prisoner weapons discovered by Hospital personnel will be immediately turned over to the Security Department. (Refer to Emergency and Safety policy "Weapons on Hospital Property – ESP59").
3. Arrival of Patient / Prisoner at Hospital:
 - A. Nursing and Registration personnel immediately notify the Security Department of the arrival of a law enforcement officer and patient / prisoner. Information will be exchanged between the police officer and the Security Department, e.g., expected duration of stay, relative danger of the situation, so that maximum control of the patient / prisoner and the safety of others is assured.
 - B. The Security Department will issue a Winchester Hospital Security Radio to custodial agency. Security Officer will mark on white board at security base and office the prisoner location and custodial agency assigned to the patient/prisoner.
 - C. Security Department provides written forensic patient information to the officer(s) regarding:
 - a. **Lines** of communication
 - b. **Weapon** control
 - c. **Restraint** usage
 - d. **Patient** / prisoner interaction
 - e. **Emergencies** via the "Law Enforcement General Orientation Sheet" (See Attachment A) for the hospital location.
 - f. **Efforts** are made, when possible, to segregate the patient / prisoner from normal hospital activities and viewing by other personnel.

Documentation of the presentation of this material to custodial agency is documented in the security base log.

D. Prisoner-Patient Custody – Custodial Officer maintains continuous in-room protective custody of the prisoner-patient at all times e.g., during examinations, treatments, X-rays, toileting. If the officer requires a leave, e.g., break, meal, or shift change, a relief officer pre-arranged by the law enforcement agency will supervise the prisoner-patient until the officer's return.

E. Prisoner-Patient Internal Transport – If the prisoner-patient requires movement within the facility, the officer will continue to remain at the prisoner-patient's side. The officer may request assistance from the Security Department during movement within the hospital.

F. Prisoner-Patient Surgery – If the prisoner-patient requires surgery, the officer will wear the appropriate garments and remain with the prisoner-patient inside the operating room until such time as the prisoner-patient is deemed incapable of movement due to the effects of anesthesia. Following surgery, the officer will resume protective custody starting in the post-anesthesia care unit.

G. Prisoner-Patient Escape – In the unlikely event that a prisoner-patient escapes protective custody while on the premises, the police should be notified immediately by the law enforcement officer. Security are notified by dialing x3333

Forms - None Applicable

Checklist/Job Aids - None Applicable

References

Policy ESP-59: Weapons on Hospital Property
The Joint Commission

Chronological History

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