

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Operations Division
Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-G-06

SUBJECT: INTOXICATION AND WITHDRAWAL

POLICY: Intoxication and withdrawal for alcohol and/or drugs is a medical problem that may range in severity from mild discomfort to severe life-threatening symptoms. All inmates will be screened for substance abuse history during admission and informed of the various treatment programs available during incarceration.

REFERENCE: NCCHC Standard P-G-06
Emergency Protocol: Poisoning/Overdose-Toxic Substance Exposure
Assessment Protocol: Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome
Assessment Protocol: Chemical Dependency Issues

PROCEDURE:

- A. Protocols, as referenced above, are used for the assessment and management of inmates who are experiencing symptoms of alcohol or drug withdrawal.
- B. Admission to a local hospital for management of acute symptoms of intoxication or withdrawal will occur based upon a practitioner's assessment and admission order.
- C. A physician will be contacted as directed in the protocol for further assessment and specific treatment orders.
- D. The health care record of inmates who are intoxicated or withdrawing from alcohol and/or drugs will be reviewed by the Chief Medical Officer, or designee, within 72 hours of the initiation of protocols.
- E. Consultation and/or referral to a mental health professional will occur as indicated by the patient's status.
- F. A physician will be contacted when a pregnant inmate is admitted with a history of substance abuse (Alcohol, opiates and partial agonist bupranaophine) for assessment and treatment of dependency.

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