

Section 10: Medical / Mental Health
Subject: Intoxication and Detoxification
Minimum Standard: 5120:1-8-09 (W)
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POLICY

The health authority shall develop specific policies and protocols in accordance with local, state, and federal laws for the treatment and observation of inmates manifesting symptoms of intoxication or detoxification from alcohol, opiates, hypnotics, or other drugs. Specific criteria are established for immediately transferring inmates experiencing severe, life-threatening intoxication (overdose) or detoxification symptoms to a hospital or detoxification center.

PROCEDURE

A. Screening

1. All inmates will be screened for intoxication or detoxification from alcohol, opiates, hypnotics, or other drugs during the reception process.
 - a. The admitting Corrections Officer will ask intoxication and detoxification specific questions from the Preliminary Health (Receiving) Screen.

B. Observations

1. Prior to an assessment being conducted, if the inmate is determined to be an intoxication or detoxification risk they will be placed to a Holding Cell.
2. The shift supervisor may place the inmate on a special observation watch, if necessary.

C. Assessment / Treatment

1. The Nursing staff shall be responsible for assessing the inmate and notifying the jail physician to begin a treatment plan in accordance with Erie County Health Department Policies and Procedures for the Erie County Jail.

D. Hospitalization

1. Inmates experiencing severe, life-threatening intoxication (overdose) or detoxification symptoms will be immediately transferred to Firelands Regional Medical Center, after ordered so by a nurse.
2. Officers shall respond to this situation in accordance with the Jail Emergency Response Plan – Medical Emergencies.