

PROTOCOL FOR: Department of Corrections (DOC) Patients in the ECT Department

- POLICY:**
1. No information is given at any time to any party regarding DOC patients except to the JDH DOC ward staff.
 2. If an outside party calls to inquire about a scheduled ECT treatment for a DOC patient, the JDH DOC ward staff will be notified to reschedule the patient for ECT.
 3. ECT staff will call the JDH DOC ward staff when the patient is to be brought to the ECT Department.
 4. DOC patients will be accompanied by a DOC officer at all times and will remain restrained unless removal of restraints is deemed medically necessary by the medical staff.
 5. DOC officers will not leave the patient for any reason. If bathroom or meal relief is needed, DOC personnel will relieve the officer on duty. Requests for this may be made through the DOC ward (x2601, x4741, or x2708).
 6. DOC patients being recovered will be segregated as much as possible from the general public by using end bays.
 7. ECT staff will never divulge follow-up appointment information to the DOC patient. Notation for follow-up will be placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the facility, which will then make the follow-up appointment.
 8. DOC officers shall present themselves in a professional and courteous manner at all times, and shall never argue custody or security concerns with JDH staff. If any questions or problems arise, the DOC custody supervisor will be notified on the JDH DOC ward staff (x2601, x4741, or x2708). Any problems will also be reported to the Psychiatry Nurse Manager/appointed designee, or to the Director of Public Safety. *Issues needing immediate attention should be reported to the Police Department officer in charge at x2121.*

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