

**PROCEDURE FOR: Urine Toxicology: Random Drug Sampling**

- POLICY:**
1. Patients who are known or suspected to abuse illicit substances will be randomly monitored by the use of drug screening procedures.
  2. Patients who are at risk for the use of drugs or alcohol will be informed on admission that random drug sampling will be used as a diagnostic tool in the patient's treatment plan.
  3. Orders will be written by the MD/APRN for random drug sampling.

**EQUIPMENT:** Toxicology Admit Panel  
Breathalyzer  
Urine specimen container

**PROCEDURE:**

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>POINTS OF EMPHASIS</u>
1. As soon as possible after admission, team members will determine whether a patient is at risk for the use of drugs or alcohol.	1. Factors to be considered are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The patient's admission of current or recent drug use</li><li>- Known history of drug use</li><li>- Positive findings on routine admission screening</li><li>- Symptomatology on admission and/or during treatment</li></ul>
2. Specimens may be collected at any time a clinician determines that patient's behavior is indicative of drug or alcohol use.	2. MD/APRN will be notified to write STAT order.
3. Team members will monitor results of drug screens and determine how positive findings will impact on treatment plan. Team will make decisions regarding consequences of the patient's behavior.	

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