

PROTOCOL FOR: Voluntary Sign-In of Psychiatric Patients: Formal

- POLICY:**
1. All patients who request to be admitted to Inpatient Psychiatry at John Dempsey Hospital are required to sign the Voluntary Application Form, which will be placed in the front of the chart.
 2. The RN assigned to the admission obtains the patient's informed consent by reviewing the Voluntary Application Form with the patient and witnessing the patient's signature on the form. Formal Voluntary Status will be entered FV on the Patient Status Calendar.
 3. Patients who refuse to sign the form must be evaluated by a physician. If the patient is determined to be gravely disabled or is a danger to self or others..

REQUIRED

DOCUMENTS: Voluntary Application HCH-967
Patient Status Calendar
Interdisciplinary Database

APPROVAL: Nursing Administrative Council

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/95

REVISION DATES: 7/97, 6/00, 10/00, 11/03, 6/06, 8/08