

PROCEDURE FOR: Intoxicated Patient: Management of

POLICY: Any PHP/IOP patient suspected of being intoxicated or otherwise impaired will be assessed by a clinician to determine appropriate intervention and disposition.

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ACTION

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. A PHP/IOP clinician will breathalyze the patient.
2. The clinician will then notify the PHP/IOP Program Manager or their designee.
3. The Program Manager will review the case with the attending physician.
4. The patient will be psychiatrically assessed to include a safety assessment.
5. The patient will then be assessed by the attending physician or APRN in consultation with the attending physician to consider the need for psychiatric or medical intervention.
6. If the patient is psychiatrically and medically cleared by the APRN/ attending physician, a cab will be called for the patient and the patient will be escorted to the cab and sent to their home. If the patient requires further medical or psychiatric intervention, the attending physician will evaluate the appropriateness of a PEC for further evaluation by the JDH Emergency Department. At this time, the PHP/IOP staff will call the UCHC police department for an escort to the JDH ED.

DOCUMENTATION: A PRN progress note will be written in DAP format.

APPROVAL: Nursing Standards Committee

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