

**PROTOCOL FOR:** Possession of Illicit Drugs or Alcohol

- POLICY:**
1. Patients who possess illicit drugs or alcohol on PHP/IOP premises are in violation of PHP/IOP regulations and may be discharged immediately from the program.
  2. Patients suspected of possession of illicit substances will be assessed and confronted by program staff and the substance will be confiscated.
  3. Any illicit drugs or alcohol confiscated will be kept in the locked medication closet until UCHC Police are notified.
  4. UCHC Police are responsible for disposal of confiscated illicit drugs or alcohol.
  5. The patients' clinical condition will be monitored and an appropriate disposition will be made.
  6. A *patient safety net* report will be completed and the incident will be documented in the medical record.

**APPROVAL:** Nursing Standards Committee

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 1/88

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