

PROCEDURE FOR: Urine Toxicology: Random Drug Sampling

PURPOSE: To outline the procedure for obtaining random urine sample.

POLICY: Patients who are known or suspected to abuse illicit substances will be randomly monitored by the use of drug screening procedures.

ASSOCIATED

STANDARDS: Unit Practice Manual Procedure: Search for Alcohol, Unknown Substances and Medications/Room and/or Unit Search
Infection Control Manual

EQUIPMENT: Toxicology Admit Panel
Breathalyzer
Urine specimen container

PROCEDURE:

ACTION

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. As soon as possible after admission, team members will determine whether a patient is at risk for the use of drugs or alcohol. If so, the patient will be informed of the need for random drug sampling to be utilized as a diagnostic tool in a patient's treatment plan.

1. Factors to be considered are:

- The patient's admission of current or recent drug use
- Known history of drug use
- Positive findings on routine admission screening
- Symptomatology on admission and/or during treatment

MD/APRN will write order for random drug sampling.

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 decision regarding consequences of behavior.

DOCUMENTATION: All urine toxicology reports will be filed in the laboratory section of the chart.

APPROVAL: Nursing Administrative Council

CREDENTIALS: MD, RN, MHW

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