



Applies To: UNMCC Component(s): All Responsible Department: Security
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Title: Care of Forensic Patients	Procedure
Patient Age Group: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> All Ages <input type="checkbox"/> Newborns <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric <input type="checkbox"/> Adult	

DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW

This procedure describes the care of patients in the custody of law enforcement agencies (LEA).

REFERENCES

- UNMH Policy Patient Restraints
- UNMH Safety Manual: Fire Safety, Hazardous Material, Disaster Plan
- UNMH Infections Control
- UNMH Visiting Hours
- Evacuation Routes

AREAS OF REPONSIBILITY

- UNM Cancer Center (UNMCC) staff will render patient care and services.
- Officers will not render patient care but may be asked to assist with positioning of the patients when security restraints interfere with medical treatment.
- UNMCC staff will inform the persons in custody of law enforcement agencies (PICLEA) of the treatment plan and any serious risks.

PROCEDURE

1. The officer to PICLEA ratio will be at least one to one when on UNMCC premises.
2. When caring for a PICLEA, security takes precedence over patient privacy rights. While confidentiality will be maintained, the PICLEA’s right to privacy may be overridden by the need to guard the PICLEA and protect CRTC patients, staff and visitors.
3. It is the officer’s responsibility to maintain proper supervision of the PICLEA at all times. UNMCC staff will at no time supervise a PICLEA. Officers must accompany a PICLEA during transport from one location to another.
4. Under no circumstance are staff to provide PICLEAs or any third party with any information regarding the time and place of appointments.
5. Imposition of disciplinary restrictions are at the discretion of the officer.
6. Unless the officer makes special arrangements, PICLEAs:
 - 6.1. Will abide by all rules and regulations of both the LEA and UNMCC,
 - 6.2. Will not be allowed visitors,
 - 6.3. Will be maintained in security restraints by the officer, unless removal is requested by the physician, care provider or when an emergency medical condition exists.
7. If any problems occur with the PICLEA that cannot be handled by the officer, UNMCC Security will contact UNMPD.

DEFINITIONS

1. **PICLEA:** Any Person detained In the Custody of a Law Enforcement Agency.
2. **Officer:** An employee of a LEA responsible for guarding the patient.
3. **LEA:** Any law enforcement agencies or correctional facilities such as the New Mexico State Prisons of County Detention Centers.
4. **Assistance with positioning the patient:** The officer’s physical assistance with placing or arranging the PICLEA’s body in a different position to facilitate care or treatment.
5. **Clinical Restraints:** Use and safe application of restraints and/or seclusion for patients with behavior issues are dealt with in the UNMH policy.
6. **Security Restraints:** Shall include handcuffs, leg irons, wrist chain (may be used as a bed chain), leather wrist and ankle restraints, flex cuffs or other special restraining devices. Distinction is made between these restraints and clinical restraints.
6. **Emergency Medical Condition:** A medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms, sufficient severity such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in placing the health of the individual in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Replaces 2005 document of same title.

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