


**GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
NURSING SERVICES MANUAL**

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TITLE: JAIL CUSTODY PATIENT				
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PURPOSE:

To maintain patient, employee, and visitor safety in the presence of hospitalized jail custody patients.

POLICY:

Jail custody patient(s) shall adhere to rules and regulations regarding, visitation rules, established by the Law Enforcement Agency (Department of Corrections (DOC), Guam Police Department (GPD), and Department of Youth Affairs (DYA).

Restraining devices such as metal handcuffs that are required by law for jail custody patients are the responsibility of the assigned officer(s) guarding the patient. Metal handcuffs are exempt from the Restraint Policy #6301-II C-16.

PROCEDURE:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT:

The House Supervisor is to be called for room assignment upon admission. If possible, jail custody patients shall be placed in a private room.

Jail custody patients may be placed together in a multi-bed hospital room. If no private room is available, patient may be placed in a semi-private room closing the other bed for admission, depending on hospital census status.

Factors such as patient unit census, patient acuity, patient diagnosis and isolation requirements are considered when making jail custody patient room assignments.

PATIENT CARE:

1. Jail custody patients will receive the same level of care as provided to other patients at the Hospital. In the event that the patient goes into cardiac arrest and a Code 72 is called, administrative restraints may need to be removed or relocated as determined appropriate by the physician and the assigned officer.
2. DOC, GPD and DYA medication listing shall be made available upon arrival/admission to the hospital.
3. Discharge Planning is provided as needed and continuing care planned with those responsible for follow up care.

VISITING:

1. Visitors are not permitted.
2. The jail custody patient may update or change his/her visiting list via the assigned officer upon the approval of the Law Enforcement Director.
3. During visits, officers shall place themselves inside the room, in a position to constantly observe the visitor and the jail custody patient. The privacy curtains surrounding the hospital bed shall not be closed. There shall be no exchange of items or unnecessary physical contact between the patient and their visitors.
4. The Law Enforcement Agency retains the right to limit or deny visits to jail custody patients, but will not, without the Hospital Administrator or Nursing Supervisor's approval, allow visiting in excess of Hospital Policy. In the event of a hospital/community emergency, restrictions of visitors will be imposed by the Hospital.

DISCHARGE:

1. When discharging a jail custody patient, the Law Enforcement Agency shall ensure the following:
 - Accompany the patient upon release to the Law Enforcement Agency and
 - Provide transportation to the appropriate facility

CONDUCT OF ASSIGNED OFFICERS:

2. The Hospital will provide guidelines for assigned officers guarding jail custody patients. They must fill out the Law Enforcement Fact Sheet (provided by GMH security, one sheet per officer, per shift).
3. Assigned officers are to remain in the jail custody patient's room, be in close visual contact at all times. Approval for hallway location will be obtained from the Hospital for conditions such as:
 - Isolation needs
 - Equipment congestion

- Special procedures needed (ie X-Ray, MRI)

Telephone usage at the nurse's station for assigned officers is for official use only.

4. Hospital staff is not responsible for assigned officer relief (meals, bathroom, etc.). This responsibility falls on the Law Enforcement Agency to provide a schedule or relief service in order to meet the officer's needs.
5. Unresolved problems regarding the management of custodial patients will be reported to the Hospital Administration or GMH Security for follow up.

OFFICER ORIENTATION:

6. Please refer to the policy on Forensic Patient Policy in the Security Department Manual (Policy #411).

RELATED POLICIES:

Policy # 6104-3 Forensic Staff Orientation, Education Department Manual
Policy # 6301-II C-16 Restraints for Medical Surgical Reasons, Services Manual
Policy # 411 Forensic Patient Policy, Security Department Manual

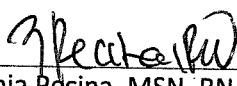
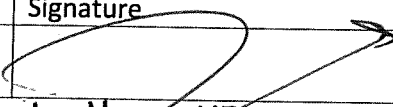
RECISSIONS:

Policy # 6301-I F-8 Jail Custody Patient, Nursing Services Manual, effective 08/2009

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