

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Operations Division
Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-I-02

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION

POLICY: When psychotropic medications are recommended for treatment of mental disorders, the prescribing practitioner will attempt to obtain the inmate's informed consent. In all situations involving involuntary medication, the principles of good professional practice will prevail. For involuntary medication to be approved, it must be demonstrated that the inmate has a mental disorder and as a result of that disorder there exists a likelihood of serious harm to the inmate, others, property, or the inmate is gravely disabled, and that the treatment is in the inmate's medical interest.

REFERENCE: NCCHC Standard P-I-02
OAR 291-64-010 through 291-64-140

PROCEDURE:

- A. Involuntary administration of psychotropic medication may be carried out by health care personnel only as described in Oregon Administrative Rule, Informed Consent to Treatment with Psychotropic Medication, DOC Administrative Rule 291-064.
- B. Any prescribing practitioner wishing to consider involuntary psychotropic medication for a patient is to inform the Assistant Administrator of Behavioral Health Services, or designee, and the Chief Psychiatrist for further direction.
- C. Once a decision has been reached, via the administrative rule, to proceed with involuntary psychotropic medication, nursing staff will administer the medication according to the prescribing practitioner's written order.

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