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OPR: TREATMENT

PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION MONITORING

I. GENERAL

This Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC) Administrative Regulation (AR) establishes the responsibilities, policies and procedures for psychotropic medication monitoring.

II. POLICY

Nursing staff administering prescribed psychotropic medication to inmates will monitor inmate medication compliance and will report non-compliance or medication-related problems to a mental health nurse.

III. DEFINITION(S) AND ACRONYM(S)

Refer to AR 602, Mental Health Definitions and Acronyms:

Psychotropic Medication Report

Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale (AIMS) – Modified

Antipsychotic Medication

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Nursing staff administering psychotropic medication to inmates is responsible for recording non-compliance and medication-related problems, and reporting this information to a mental health nurse.
- B. The mental health nurse will provide the psychiatrist with the Medication Administration Record (MAR) within three working days of receipt.

V. PROCEDURES

- A. Nursing staff administering psychotropic medication will:
1. Document an inmate's acceptance or refusal of psychotropic medication on the MAR in accordance with ADOC AR 617: Psychotropic Medication Administration.
 2. Complete ADOC Form MH-024, Psychotropic Medication Report, when inmates report medication-related problems or negative side effects.
- B. Mental health nursing staff will:
1. Interview and assess inmates who report medication-related problems or negative side effects.
 2. Document the inmate assessment on ADOC Form MH-024.
 3. Review weekly the MAR of each inmate prescribed psychotropic medication.
 4. Complete ADOC Form MH-024 when:
 - a. An inmate has been non-compliant with psychotropic medication for three doses.
 - b. The Report indicates a pattern of non-compliance for a specific dose or medication.
 5. Provide the Psychiatrist with ADOC Form MH-024 within three working days of receipt.
 6. Contact the Psychiatrist by phone if immediate attention is required.
 7. Ensure that ADOC Form MH-024 is filed in each inmate's medical file.
 8. Submit for review by the Psychiatrist any ADOC Form MH-019, forms he/she has completed.
- C. The Psychiatrist will:
1. Routinely assess inmates that have been prescribed antipsychotic medication for longer than six months for development of tardive dyskinesia.

2. Document the assessment by completing ADOC Form MH-019, Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale – Modified.
3. Review ADOC Form MH-024, Psychotropic Medication Reports and record the planned follow-up/review date on the reports.

VI. DISPOSITION

See AR 601, Mental Health Forms and Disposition.

VII. FORMS

Refer to AR 601, Mental Health Forms and Disposition for:

- A. ADOC Form MH-024, Psychotropic Medication Report
- B. ADOC Form MH-019, Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale – Modified

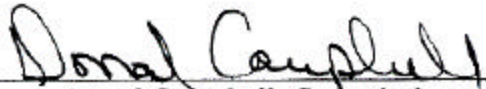
VIII. SUPERCEDES

This AR supercedes AR 458 dated August 30, 2001.

IX. PERFORMANCE

This administrative regulation is published under the authority of:

- A. The Bradley Agreement of August 8, 2000
- B. National Commission on Correctional Health Care: Standards for Health Services in Prisons, 2003. (P-D-02)
- C. The Code of Alabama 1975, Section 22-50-11



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