
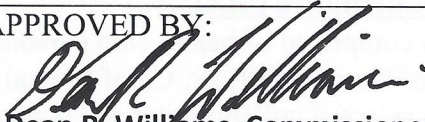


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POLICY:

- I. It is the policy of the Department of Corrections (DOC) to prohibit the use of prisoners as subjects in medial, pharmaceutical or cosmetic experiments.
- II. It is the policy of the Department that prisoners may participate in clinical trials for necessary treatment which comply with all applicable state and federal guidelines if approved by the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC).
- III. This above mentioned prohibition does not include psychological or sociological research conducted in accordance with DOC P&P 502.01, Research Activities.

APPLICATION:

This policy and procedure will apply to all Department employees and prisoners.

DEFINITIONS:

As used in this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

Clinical Trial:

Treatment, research study or investigation over a period of time of an injury, illness or medical condition.

Drug Experimentation:

Any research involving the testing of drug effectiveness and / or side effects using prisoners as subjects.

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Medical Advisory Committee (MAC):

- The MAC is comprised of health care personnel to include, at a minimum, the HCA, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Nursing Officer, Chief Mental Health Officer, Health Practitioner II(s), Medical Social Worker, and selected collaborating and consulting physicians.
- The MAC shall authorize all non-emergency hospitalizations and surgeries, specialty referrals, complex cases, special studies or treatments, and prisoner health care grievance appeals. (Per DOC P&P 808.03, Prisoner Grievances.)
- The MAC shall review Departmental decisions that deny a prisoner treatment recommended by a consulting physician. (Per DOC P&P 807.02, Access to Health Care Services.)
- The MAC shall review health care policies and procedures, clinical guidelines, medical operating procedures and protocols.

Medical Experimentation:

Any medical, dental or psychological experiments involving prisoners as subjects.

PROCEDURES:

- I. When a health care practitioner believes that a prisoner could benefit from participation in clinical trial, a request will be sent to the Regional Physician for review.
- II. The request must include the type of clinical trial, the reason that the trial could benefit the prisoner, and the length of the trial.
- III. Participation by the prisoner is voluntary and he / she must put their request in writing and acknowledge that DOC will be held harmless.
- IV. If approved by the Regional Physician, the request will be forwarded to the MAC for final approval.
- V. Final approval will be in writing and forwarded to the Health Care Practitioner. The approval will be given to the prisoner and a copy placed in the prisoner's medical file.

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