

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE – JACKSONVILLE

Resident Manual

POLICE NOTIFICATION

In order to assist the Sheriff's Office and to maintain efficiency in all our departments, calls from the Sheriff's Office regarding the condition of patients who are under the control of the Sheriff's Office can be handled by the physician directly.

1. A designated official in the Sheriff's Office will call and ask for the physician in charge of the prisoner-patient.
2. Confirmation that the individual is calling from the Sheriff's Office should be made by any number of methods such by calling back the Sheriff's Dept, verification of other details of the patient that only personnel from the Sheriff's office would know or verification of information about the caller that is in the patient's file or otherwise known about the caller.
3. The information given out by the physician can contain no specific medical report, but should be restricted to the general condition and prognosis, particularly the discharge date.

Police must be notified by the charge nurse if a person presents to the ED under the following circumstances:

1. Patient involved in an automobile accident.
2. Suspected act of violence, for example:
 - a. Gunshot or stabbing.
 - b. Possible assault.
 - c. Possible attempted homicide.
 - d. Possible attempted suicide.
 - e. Possible poisoning or overdose of drugs.
 - f. Alleged rape.
 - g. Possible abortion.

Police need not be notified if a drug addict or user, or alcoholic, presents for treatment. In case of questions concerning these policies, the AOD is available for assistance.