

Prisoner-Patient Physician Reference Sheet

Purpose:

- To provide general information and promote cooperation between Shands Jacksonville Medical Staff DBA UF Health Jacksonville and Prisoner Security Officers who are under orders from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.
- To ensure appropriate medical care of Prisoner-Patients and safety and security for all concerned.

Prisoner Security Officers Orders:

- All Prisoner-Patients will be secured with Four-Point shackles at all times unless permission not to do so is obtained from the Jacksonville Sheriff Liaison Officer or higher law enforcement authority.
- The Prisoner Security Officer is to inspect the Prisoner-Patients shackles during each shift change, at the end of each professional visitation, and after medical care is provided to ensure they remain secure and are not causing injury to the Prisoner-Patients. In the event the restraints seem to be causing injury medical staff is to be advised.
- In response to a request by medical staff that Prisoner-Patient shackles be removed; a Prisoner Security Officer may only do (without approval) if the medical care to be provided is a time-critical life or death situation.
- The Prisoner Security Officer is to advise medical staff in the event medical instruments or other items that could pose a hazard are left in the room and request their removal.
- Prisoner-Patients are not allowed visitors while on UF Health Jacksonville property. In the event the Prisoner-Patient has been admitted to an Intensive Care Unit or has been verified by medical staff as being in terminal health, immediate family members can be granted a Special Visit Authorized by a JSO lieutenant or higher law enforcement authority.

Medical Staff Guidelines:

- Remember Prisoner-Patients retain the rights of informed consent and at no time may a medical decision regarding care be made by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office or a Prisoner Security Officer.
- Prisoner-Patients retain all HIPAA, informed consent and privacy decisions. In extraordinary cases privacy protection may be automatically assigned by opting them out of the facility directory in order to protect the Prisoner-Patient from immediate or impending harm. If the privacy protection is assigned, an "&" will appear by the Prisoner-Patients name and NO information must be disclosed on this Prisoner-Patient. These requests should be discussed with the Nurse Manager and/or Nursing Administration Office and any potential for misinformation or disservice to family should be considered
- In the event that the use of shackles is likely to interfere with medical care, for example in cases where a Prisoner-Patient is likely to require defibrillation, obtain a consult from the Nurse Manager, Nurse Manager's designee, and/or Nursing Administration Office. If there is agreement that a request for use of alternative restraints to shackles is appropriate, the Nurse Manager and/or designee are then to call the JSO Liaison Officer at 244-6952 to make the request.