

# CARING FOR INMATES

Policy Guidelines:

1. Ensure that admission and hospitalization of all prison inmate patients are treated in strict confidence.
2. Maintain a secure hospital environment for staff, patients, and visitors.
3. Ensure appropriate medical care.

<b>Do's</b>	<b>DON'TS</b>
1. Instruct inmate regarding care, which is the same as other patients. <i>This will lessen his fears and improve cooperation.</i>	1. <i>Do not</i> wear or have available in your pockets' any <i>loose</i> items such as scissors, name pins, pens, etc.
2. Ask to be called by your first name and your profession so that he will know how to address you and what to expect from you. ID badges should have <i>first name only</i> and title (RN, LVN, CNA).	2. <i>Do not share any personal information</i> with a co-worker within hearing of an inmate.
3. The inmate's coded name or number will be used in place of his name.	3. <i>Do not make telephone calls</i> for the inmate, nor provide any information about the inmate's condition over the phone.
4. Advanced Directive information will be given before admission.	4. <i>Do not mail</i> any package, letters, etc. for the inmate.
5. Communications should be <i>professional and relevant to care.</i>	5. <i>Do not block</i> the officer's view of the inmate at any time.
6. Non-medical items like eating utensils brought to patient's room will be monitored by correction officer. Do not leave anything in the patient's room.	6. <i>Do not place</i> an inmate in a semi-private room with any <i>patient other than a fellow inmate.</i> Consult officer prior to placement of two inmates in the same room.
7. Inmates will be restrained at all times.	7. <i>If you are not involved</i> in the care of that inmate, <i>stay away</i> from the area where prisoners are located.
8. Clinical update and report on the prisoner's condition are done daily preferably before 0500 hr.	8. Personal contact is <i>discouraged.</i>