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<b>DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION</b>	<b>RELATED NCCHC/ACA STANDARDS:</b>	
	P-I-03, J-I-03 4-4342-1 (IMPORTANT)	
<b>CHAPTER: 11 BUREAU OF CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES</b>	<b>SUBJECT:</b>	
	FORENSIC INFORMATION	
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE: 11/19/07</b>	<b>REVISED: 4/13/09; 4/23/2010</b>	
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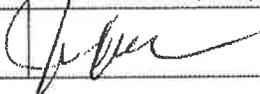
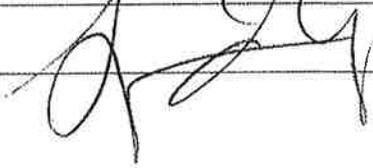
- I. AUTHORITY: Bureau of Correctional Healthcare Services
- II. PURPOSE: Medical staff members do not participate in collection of information for forensic purposes.
- III. APPLICABILITY: All Department of Correction (DOC) employees and vendor staff, offenders, and any outside healthcare provider servicing DOC offenders.
- IV. DEFINITIONS: See policy.
- V. POLICY:
  1. Medical and mental health staff members do not participate in the collection of information for forensic purposes. Participation in these activities undermines the credibility and treatment confidentiality of the professional with the offenders.
  2. Medical staff members do not perform body cavity searches for contraband or train correctional staff in performing body cavity searches.
  3. In the case of sexual assault, offender-victim is referred to an outside Emergency Department of a local hospital for assessment and treatment.
  4. Health care staff members, with the written consent of the offender noted in the patient's chart, may perform court-ordered laboratory tests, examinations or radiology procedures.
  5. Requests for participation in collection of information for forensic purposes, such as conducting body searches for contraband, providing psychological

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evaluations of offenders for use in adversarial proceedings will be referred to outside sources.

- 6. Health services staff may collect specimens for DNA analysis if:
  - a. Complying with state law
  - b. The offender has given voluntary consent
  - c. Health Services Staff does not participate in any punitive action taken if the offender refuses participation

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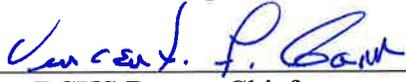
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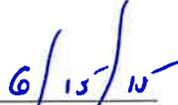
References:

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I have reviewed this policy and it is current.

  
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