

STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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1. PURPOSE

To ensure the safety of the patient, staff and public if a patient is treated within the Hyperbaric Medicine Service at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics while incarcerated in the Iowa Department of Corrections.

2. POLICY

It is the policy of the Iowa Department of Corrections that if a patient is treated at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UHIC) within the Hyperbaric Medicine Service (HMS) security operations of the patient is established.

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3. DEFINITIONS

- A. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy - A special chamber is used; sometimes call a pressure chamber, to increase the amount of oxygen in the blood to assist in healing processes.

B. See IDOC Policy **AD-GA-16** for additional Definitions.

4. PROCEDURES

The following outlines the officers' training requirements.

A. Officer Training/Requirements

1. Training

- a. The hyperbaric medicine staff of UIHC will interview the prospective officers to evaluate ability to participate and understanding of the procedure.
- b. The officer will be oriented/trained to the hyperbaric facility by UIHC Hyperbaric Medicine Services staff.

2. Requirements

- a. Two officers are typically needed to complete one treatment session with a potential for three in some emergency situations.
- b. Some emergencies may also require two sessions in succession within the 12-hour "no decompression" limit table. This second set of officers will need to be exclusive of the first set and available immediately following completion of a session by the first set of officers.
- c. The number of officers deemed necessary to be trained and ready within one hour is three. Three more officers are needed to be available within three hours of that. It is recommended that eight officers be trained to accommodate the potential of two being unavailable.
- d. The officers are required, in accordance with chamber fire and decompression safety, to dress in 100% cotton scrubs provided by UIHC and will be free of firearms or personal belongings requiring a battery or creating a flame or spark.

B. Patient Teaching/Requirements

1. Teaching - The patient will receive medical consultation by UIHC staff.
2. Requirements

- a. The patient will be restrained, as deemed necessary by the Department of Corrections Guidelines. Restraining devices must be free of any spark generating material.
- b. The patient will be required, in accordance with chamber fire and decompression safety to dress in 100% cotton scrubs or hospital gowns.
- c. They must be free of any personal belongings requiring a battery or creating a flame or spark.
- d. Full cooperation by the patient is necessary for the safety of all chamber occupants. The officers, attending physician and technician, will evaluate the behavior.
- e. The patient's treatment will be immediately aborted if the safety of other occupants is jeopardized.

C. Procedure For Treatment

- 1. Once the treatment plan is determined, arrangements will be made to schedule the necessary number of officers to rotate into the chamber with the patient.
- 2. During a treatment the officer will be positioned within the chamber to maximize safety for all other occupants.
- 3. Any DOC evaluation of this officer will be filed in their health services employee file.