

State of Iowa Department of Corrections

Policy and Procedures

Policy Number: FPH-15

Applicability: Institutions

Policy Code: Public Access

Iowa Code Reference: 904, 229, 812

Chapter 10: Forensic Psychiatric Hospital

Sub Chapter: Administration and Organization

Related DOC Policies: NA

Administrative Code Reference: 481-51

Subject: Informed Consent for Invasive Procedures

ACA Standards: 5-ACI-6C-04

PREA Standards: NA

Responsibility: Warden Mike Heinrich, Dr. Theresa Clemmons

Effective Date: March 2024

Authority:

1. PURPOSE

To meet requirements of informed consent for individuals assigned to the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital (FPH), a service of the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) consistent with community standards and in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

2. POLICY

It is the policy of FPH that patients shall have the opportunity to evaluate the options available and the attendant risks of interventions recommended for the diagnosis and treatment of conditions affecting health status. The health care provider is obligated to provide information sufficient for a patient to make an informed decision to consent or refuse the recommended health care intervention. Written informed consent shall be obtained from the patient prior to any invasive health care procedure with major adverse health risks.

3. DEFINITIONS - As used in this document:

Informed Consent - A patient's rights to know the risks and benefits of a medical procedure.

4. PROCEDURES

A. The practitioner shall provide a patient, who has a health condition that requires diagnostic evaluation or treatment, an explanation:

1. Of the procedure or treatment;
2. Any alternative procedures or methods of treatment; and,
3. Risks of the procedure or treatment.

B. Consents

Informed consent, utilizing the correct forms, as indicated below, shall be obtained from the patient when appropriate:

1. Surgical Consent;
2. Dental Surgery Consent, Endodontic Consent and Consent for Dentures/Partials;
3. Immunization Consent/Authorization; and,
4. Other procedures (e.g., some use of audio-visual equipment) where consent is required by law.

Life-threatening conditions may require treatment without first obtaining informed consent. **(5-ACI-6C-04)**

C. Refusal

A patient may elect to refuse recommended or prescribed health procedures, treatments, medication(s), or other advice of IMCC health

professionals. Under these circumstances, the patient's refusal to accept recommended health services is to be documented in his/her patient record.