

HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND TRANSFER SCREENING

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I. OBJECTIVE:

To establish the Seneca County Correctional Facility policy and guidelines for health assessment and transfer screening.

II. POLICY:

All inmates committed to the Seneca County Correctional Facility, as part of the booking process undergo an Initial Medical and Suicide Screening, conducted by the booking officer. The results of that Initial Medical and Suicide Screening are indicated on the Initial Medical and Suicide Screening Form within the Correctional Facilities computerized database, SallyPort, which becomes part of the inmate's permanent file maintained in the Correctional Facility.

All newly committed inmates are required to undergo a Health Assessment Evaluation completed by qualified health staff within fourteen (14) days of their admittance to the facility.

The Health Assessment Evaluation consists of a complete health history and a physical examination of the inmate.

The Health Assessment Evaluation will be documented on the Health History form (SCSO-MD-001) which has and will become part of the inmate's permanent health record.

Only a NYS Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner or Physician will perform the physical examination.

Re-admitted inmates who have undergone a documented Health Assessment Evaluation within the prior six (6) months and whose inmate receiving screening shows no changes in their health status, may only require that their receiving results are reviewed and tests, examinations and medication are updated as needed. A Health Assessment Short form (SCSO-MD-002) form will be completed.

III. DETAILS:

- A.** The Health Assessment Evaluation will include at least the following:
- 1.** Review of the inmate receiving screening form.
 - 2.** Collection of additional data to complete the medical, dental and psychiatric needs.
 - 3.** Communicable disease testing for tuberculosis (PPD test).
 - 4.** Record height, weight and vital signs.
 - 5.** Physical examination of all major body systems that includes comments about mental status and dental screening.
 - 6.** Completion of other clinically indicated tests and examinations.
 - 7.** Review of all laboratory tests and referral to the physician when indicated.
 - 8.** Initiation of appropriate treatment when indicated or ordered by the physician.
- B.** Inmate's Health Assessment Evaluation will be updated on an annual basis with elements being repeated based upon age, sex and health needs of the inmate consistent with the recommendations of the American college of Family Physicians.
- C.** If an inmate has been released and re-admits within six (6) months, then a repeat of the PPD test is not required. If he/she re-admits over six (6) months, a PPD test will be repeated. If an inmate is in a high risk group, a PPD test will be repeated regardless of time spent released.