

University of Chicago Police Department

PROCEDURAL ORDER

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<i>Subject:</i> Adult Emergency Room- Hyde Park: Patient Property/Search Procedures		
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to outline procedures for searching and securing belongings of **patients who are a threat to themselves or others (405 ILCS 5/1-119)**, in the Adult Emergency Room- Hyde Park.

II. GUIDELINES

UCPD officers will assist the Emergency Room staff with searching belongings of **patients who are a threat to themselves or others, or subject to involuntary admission (405 ILCS 5/1-119)**. UCPD officers will only take possession of **weapons, illegal substances, and drug paraphernalia**.

III. PROCEDURE

A. The nurse or designee will ask the patient to consent to a noninvasive search for harmful items.

1. Consent

- a. If the patient consents, the patient will be searched and then asked to put on a hospital gown.
- b. If no weapons, illegal substances, or drug paraphernalia are found, the patient property will be put in a bag and secured by the medical staff.

NOTE: The UCPD ER officer may be asked by the medical staff to stand outside the treatment room while the search is being conducted and the patient is changing into a hospital gown.

2. No consent

- a. If the patient does not consent, the medical staff will request the ER officer to be present while the staff applies the restraints, if necessary.

NOTE: The ER officer should immediately make notification to the shift supervisor.

- b. The patient's clothing will be removed by the medical personnel.
- c. Once all the patient's clothing has been removed, the ED registered nurse and ER officer will search the patient belongings together.

B. If a weapon, illegal substance, or drug paraphernalia is found during the search, the discovering party will give the item(s) to the UCPD ER officer.

C. The ER officer will properly store the items.

- 1. Illegal weapons, illegal substances and drug paraphernalia will be confiscated and submitted into evidence following GO 802, Property and Evidence Control. An arrest warrant may be sought later, depending on the circumstances. Reports should be appropriately classed as weapons or drug offenses, even if prosecution will not be pursued.
- 2. Legal weapons will be submitted into evidence following GO 802, for safekeeping. Legal weapons may be returned at a later date, when and if it is safe to do so.
- 3. See GO 512, Officers Assigned to the Adult Emergency Room-Hyde Park for weapons definitions and further information.

NOTE: UCPD officers will only take possession of the items specified in this Procedural Order.