

**HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL**

**North Carolina Department Of Public Safety  
Prison**

**SECTION: Administrative – Reporting**

**POLICY # AD VIII-5**

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**SUBJECT: Reporting Positive Drug Findings  
during Diagnostic Work-up**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: March 2014**

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**PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for reporting positive drug screen findings on offenders.

**POLICY**

Positive drug screens during diagnostic work-up are confidential offender's information. Positive drug screens discovered during a diagnostic work-up are confidential medical information.

**PROCEDURE**

When a physician needs to order a drug screen, i.e. Emergency Room visit, information should be given to medical personnel only.

Custody staff randomly completes drug screenings on offenders. The medical staff could advise custody staff of a need to perform a drug screen on a particular offender without divulging any medical information regarding a drug screen that has been completed by medical staff. Custody can then develop their findings and conclusions.

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