

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction
Division Of Prisons

SECTION: Care and Treatment of Patient –
Medication Administration

POLICY # TX II-17

SUBJECT: Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

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References

Related ACA Standards

4th Edition Standards for adult Correctional
Institutions 4-4410

PURPOSE

To identify composition and function of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee.

POLICY

The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee conducts internal reviews to improve and assure the quality of drug therapy by continually revising and updating the formulary and promulgating guidelines for treatment and drug therapy.

1. The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meets at least quarterly.
2. The membership of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee consists of the following health care providers and support staff.
 - a. The Chief of Health Services
 - b. The Deputy Medical Director/Director of the Utilization Review Section
 - c. The Director of Mental Health
 - d. The Medical Directors from Central Prison Healthcare Complex, North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women Medical Facility or their designees
 - e. One Clinical Pharmacist or Clinical Pharmacist Specialist
 - f. Director of Nursing
 - g. The Standards/Risk Manager
 - h. The Chief of Health Services will appoint other physicians and/or physician extenders to the committee as needed or deemed necessary to accomplish the work of the committee.
3. Responsibilities of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
 - a. Formulary

The formulary is a continually revised list of drugs/medications that are readily accessible from the pharmacy for use within the prison system. The formulary reflects the current clinical judgment of the medical staff. The goal of the formulary is to ensure that high quality drugs are available for any disease states likely to be treated. The formulary is closed, meaning that only a limited number of agents are available and were selected by objective evidence in the scientific literature that supports the superiority of these agents over other similar drugs. The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee makes the following decisions related to the formulary.

 1. Additions to the formulary
 2. Deletions from the formulary
 3. Restrictions for use of drug entities, including specialties allowed to prescribe the drug; diagnoses for use; conditions for use such as therapy failures, second line therapy, etc.; maximum/minimum doses; and duration of use with or without prior approval.
 4. Policies and procedures regarding drug use, including clinical guidelines
 - b. Quality Assurance Activities
 1. Drug utilization review
 2. Drug use evaluation
 3. Adverse drug reaction reporting

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4. Compliance with policy and procedure
5. Education in drug use
6. Trends in purchasing and costs of drugs



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