



**CORRECTIONS MEDICINE**

**Chronic Care**

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- I. **PURPOSE:** To decrease the frequency and severity of chronic disease symptoms, prevent disease progression and complication, and foster improved function for patients with chronic diseases.
- II. **POLICY:** Chronic care guidelines are developed based on evidence based practices to assure the standardization of medical care provided for patients with chronic illnesses.
- III. **DEFINITION:**
  - **Chronic disease** – is an illness or condition that affects an individual’s well-being for an extended interval, usually at least 6 months and is generally not curable but can be managed to provide optimum functionality within any limitations the condition imposes on the individual.
- IV. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All Corrections Medicine staff are responsible for the content of this policy and procedure as well as adherence to the policy
- V. **PROCEDURE:**
  - 1. Patients with chronic conditions receive standardized care to include:
    - a. Regularly scheduled clinic visits
    - b. Laboratory and diagnostic testing
    - c. Patient specific treatment plans
    - d. Monitoring of treatment complaint
    - e. Patient education
- VI. **REFERENCES:**

American Correctional Association: Performance-Based Standard for Adult Local Detention Facilities, fourth edition; 2004; Standard 4-ALDF-4C-19.

National Commission on Correctional Health Care; Standards for Health Services in Jails: 2015, Standard J-G-01