

	CORRECTIONS MEDICINE Sexual Assault Prevention and Response ACA Standard: 4 ALDF – 4D – 22	
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To establish the procedures in order to prevent and respond to sexual assaults perpetrated against incarcerated individuals in the Buzz Westfall Justice Center.

- II. **POLICY:** All Corrections Medicine staff shall make every effort to fully comply with the standards set forth by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). These standards are established for the prevention of sexual abuse of incarcerated individuals and to address the safety and treatment needs of patients who have been a victim of sexual assault.

- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All staff working in the Correction Medicine program are responsible for the contents of this policy and procedure as well as adherence to the policy.

- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
 1. Prevention
 - a. Patients who are screened by the Department of Justice Services (DJS) classification staff and determine that the patient is at risk for sexual assault or sexual violence are referred to mental health staff for further assessment.

 - b. Patients identified by a mental health professional as high risk for sexual assault or sexual violence shall be monitored and counseled.

 - c. The mental health professional shall communicate all necessary information to the DJS classification staff to ensure precautions are taken, which may include, but are not limited to, placing the patient in the segregation unit, suicide watch status, or special housing assignments.

 2. Response to Victims of Alleged Sexual Assaults or Threats
 - a. Nursing, mental health and DJS staff will immediately be notified if a patient alleges sexual assault or threat.
 - i. The medical and mental health staff will be responsible for assessing any immediate medical concerns. The purpose of the initial medical and mental health assessment is to ensure the alleged sexual assault victim is safe and to meet the psychological and medical needs of the individual.

 - b. Medical staff responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- i. Assessment of the condition of the alleged victim for urgent or emergent medical needs. Corrections Medical staff shall initiate emergency medical procedures if necessary.
 - ii. Examination of the alleged victim for signs of physical injury.
 - iii. Corrections Medical staff will contact a medical provider (on-duty or on-call) for authorization to send the patient to an outside medical facility for evaluation.
 - iv. After all medical and/or hospital evaluations are complete, the alleged victim shall be housed in the infirmary and receive standard nursing, provider, and mental health assessments.
 - v. The Corrections Medicine provider will review the hospital discharge information and order any appropriate lab work or diagnostic testing that was not completed at the hospital. The provider shall discuss medical treatment options if indicated and shall order any prophylactic medications needed. Corrections Medicine staff and providers will document all information related to the alleged incident and treatment in the electronic medical record. Corrections Medicine staff shall ensure that any follow-up orders not completed while in custody at the Buzz Westfall Justice Center are communicated to any receiving facility or explained to the patient upon release from custody.
 - c. Mental health staff responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:
 - i. Responding immediately to assess the patient if the alleged incident is reported during normal work hours. If mental health staff is not available when the alleged assault is reported, an urgent referral to mental health will be made by the medical staff responding and the patient will be assessed by the mental health staff on the next business day.
 - ii. Assess of the patient's mental health needs related to the alleged incident and provide necessary crisis counseling.
 - iii. Assess the patient's need for follow-up mental health treatment.
 - d. Documentation of the mental health assessment related to the alleged incident is completed in the electronic medical record.
3. Confidentiality
 - a. All medical information shall be done in a manner that protects the privacy and confidentiality of the patient and his/her medical and mental health records. All Corrections Medicine medical and mental health staff shall interact with the patient in a

professional manner and will address the medical and mental health needs of the patient. All details about the alleged incident shall be investigated by the DJS Internal Affairs Officer and Watch Commander and/or the City of Clayton Police Department.

4. Training

- a. All staff will be trained in the PREA annually. The training will include, but is not limited to:
 - i. Inmate-on-inmate sexual assault/violence
 - ii. Inmate-on-inmate consensual sex
 - iii. Zero Tolerance Standard
 - iv. Discussing the core elements in addressing sexual assault/violence

V. **REFERENCE:**

Department of Justice Services Policy 1806: "Inmate on Inmate Sexual Assault"