



MONTANA STATE PRISON OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE

Procedure:	MSP HS G-04.0 FORENSIC INFORMATION, THERAPEUTIC RELATIONSHIP, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
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I. PURPOSE

Define the role of health staff regarding certain information for forensic purposes and protect the integrity of the therapeutic partnership with the inmate patient.

II. DEFINITIONS (see Glossary)

III. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIREMENTS

1. Health staff are not involved in the collection of forensic information.
 - a. State law and court-ordered laboratory tests may be drawn by MSP health staff:
 - 1) with consent of the inmate; and
 - 2) if the health care personnel are not involved in any punitive action taken as a result of an inmate's nonparticipation in the collection process.
 - b. The order for laboratory collection must be requested by an attending physician who is not involved in a therapeutic relationship with the inmate.
2. Health staff neither participate in disciplinary action nor are compelled to provide clinical information solely for the purposes of discipline.
 - a. Health staff may advocate for mitigating circumstances in cases of medical and mental health disorders.
3. Treatments and medications are never withheld as a form of punishment.
4. Segregation and restraints are never clinically implemented as disciplinary action.
5. Body Cavity Searches
 - a. MSP health staff may not, under any circumstances, participate in a body cavity search.
 - b. If the need for body cavity search is required, the Warden may request that health service staff from a community health care facility perform the search. See *MSP 3.1.17A Searches*.

IV. CLOSING

Questions about this procedure should be directed to the Medical Health Services Manager.