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## **JH 03 -SCREENING AND EXAMINATIONS**

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JH 03/01.00 **GENERAL**

JH 03/01.01 **Purpose**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide policy, rationale and procedure to facilitate the administration of inmate health care through screening and examinations.

JH 03/01.02 **Cross Reference**

JC02, Admission and Initial Risk Assessment  
JH04, Health Care Delivery  
JJ05, Inmate Work Procedures  
Utah Jail Standards, H 03.00.00

JH 03/01.03 **Definitions**

<b>ADA</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act
<b>Examination</b>	process of observing, testing or investigating a inmate to evaluate the inmates general health or to determine a cause of illness
<b>RME</b>	Request for Medical Examination
<b>Screening</b>	process to discover a inmates medical problems or special needs
<b>WCCF</b>	Weber County Correctional Facility

JH 03/02.00 **SCREENING AND EXAMINATION**

JH 03/02.01 **Policy**

It is the policy of the WCCF that:

- A. the WCCF shall provide inmates access to medical services through screening and examination;
- B. an intake screening of all inmates shall occur before they are allowed into general population or are assigned a classification;
- C. inmate being admitted to the jail shall be screened including:
  - 1. injury and/or health screening;
  - 2. mental health screening; and
  - 3. suicide risk screening;
- D. base line examinations to address inmate health care needs identified during the admission process shall be provided to inmates in a timely manner.

JH 03/02.02 **Rationale**

- A. Written policies and procedures are necessary to ensure inmates are screened upon admission to the jail and they receive follow up examinations as needed.
- B. Screening is important to attempt to:
  - 1. identify arrestees' medical problems:
    - a. to reduce the risk of introduction of communicable disease into the jail population;
    - b. to initiate appropriate medical procedures; and
    - c. to ensure continuity of required medications.
  - 2. assess arrestees' mental health needs:
    - a. to ensure timely intervention and care;

- b. to reduce the risk of harm to mentally ill inmates or those with whom they interact; and
  - c. identify and evaluate risk of an inmate committing or attempting to commit suicide.
- C. The intent of the screening process is to identify problems or other needs which may require the attention of jail administrators and/or medical intervention; therefore, follow up measures must be initiated, ie., examination and/or treatment.

JH 03/02.03 **Procedure: Screening for Medical, Mental Health Needs and Suicide Risk**

- A. Inmates shall be screened for life threatening medical conditions prior to being admitted into the facility for confinement. Inmate being presented for admission to the WCCF with serious or life threatening injuries or conditions shall not be accepted until those injuries or conditions are treated and the inmate has been cleared by competent medical authority.
- B. The arresting/ transporting officer shall complete all screening questions on the Booking Information Sheet.
- C. Screening at admission shall be accomplished as directed in WCCF policy JC 02, Admission and Initial Risk Assessment.
- D. Information obtained through the admission screening process shall be forwarded to the WCCF medical office. Medical staff shall review this information to assist with the baseline physical examination.

JH 03/02.04 **Procedure: Baseline Physical Examination**

- A. Inmates confined in the WCCF shall have a baseline physical examination within a reasonable period of time after confinement. Those inmates found to have or who have declared, medical needs shall be a priority.
- B. Medical conditions to be evaluated during the baseline physical examination shall include, but not be limited to;
  - 1. the inmates' overall health;
  - 2. personal vital signs, ie., blood pressure, pulse, respirations, temperature, height, weight, etc.;
  - 3. medications previously prescribed and routinely taken by the inmate prior to incarceration;

4. medical, dental and mental health treatment(s) instituted prior to incarceration;
  5. range of motion;
  6. screening for communicable diseases including venereal diseases and tuberculosis, lice, etc.;
  7. pregnancy screening (if applicable);
  8. special diet concerns;
  9. drug use/ abuse including type and frequency; and
  10. known allergies.
- C. WCCF medical staff should attempt to obtain medical history records from outside providers if deemed necessary for the continued care of the inmate.
- D. Specific areas of medical concern should be addressed through detailed examination including;
1. hepatitis screening;
  2. diabetes screening; and
  3. tuberculosis screening.
- E. When a medical procedure requires cross gender examination and the removal of clothing is necessary, an additional staff member, preferably the same sex as the patient, shall be present during the examination.
- F. WCCF medical staff shall initiate a treatment plan, if appropriate, at the conclusion of the examination. The treatment plan should be documented in CorEMR to include follow up examinations to determine effectiveness of treatment.

JH 03/02.05 **Procedure: Follow Up and Periodic Medical Examinations**

- A. The WCCF medical office shall follow up on inmate health care and the progress of healing through the implementation of treatment plans initiated subsequent to examinations.

- B. The WCCF medical office shall follow up on treatment plans initiated by outside medical providers, ie., emergency room physicians, mental health providers dentists, etc., if approved by the WCCF physician.
- C. Inmates may request additional examinations by submitting a completed RME form to the WCCF medical office as per WCCF policy JH 04, Health Care Treatment.
- D. Initial and periodic medical examinations shall be completed on all inmates prior to any assignment as an Inmate Worker as defined in WCCF policy JJ 05, Inmate Work Procedures.