



**Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Center**

**MEDICAL CENTER POLICY NO. 0192**

A. SUBJECT: Medical Treatment of Prisoners

B. EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2012 (R)


C. POLICY:

When providing medical care to prisoners, the University of Virginia Medical Center shall provide for the safety of other patients, visitors, and employees. Corrections officers who escort prisoners shall be informed of the Medical Center's policies relevant to the medical treatment of prisoners and the channels of clinical, security and administrative communications. The Medical Center has assigned to its Security and University Police personnel the responsibility for coordinating all non-clinical aspects of the prisoner's visit.

D. PROCEDURE:

1. The Medical Center Security Director shall provide corrections facilities personnel with internal policies and guidelines that shall be followed while corrections personnel escort prisoners receiving care and treatment at the Medical Center. The Medical Center Security Department shall also provide correction facilities with annual training regarding such policies and guidelines.
2. Except in emergencies, the referring facility is responsible for notifying Medical Center Security prior to a prisoner's arrival at the Medical Center.
3. Corrections facility personnel shall be responsible for managing the conduct of the prisoner and shall determine the need for any disciplinary and visitation restrictions while on the premises. Appropriate use of restraint and/or seclusion shall be determined by the correctional institution unless contra-indicated by medical considerations identified by the attending physician. In the context of this policy "restraints and/or seclusion" do not refer to clinical restraints and/or seclusion that are discussed in [Medical Center Policy No. 0159, "Restraint and Seclusion of Patients."](#)
4. Medical Center employees shall interact with prisoners and corrections facilities personnel only for clinical and security purposes, in accordance with this policy and the specific guidelines contained in the Medical Center Safety and Security Manual. <https://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/intranet/safetysecurity/SafetySecurityManual.cfm>
5. Medical Center staff shall contact Medical Center Security to report any concerns about interactions with prisoners or with corrections officers. Security shall investigate concerns and make recommendations or take action to resolve issues.

SIGNATURE:



R. Edward Howell, CEO, UVA Medical Center

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