



STANDING ORDERS AND TREATMENT PROTOCOLS

POLICY.

It is the policy of Deschutes County Sheriff's Office - Adult Jail (AJ) that written Standing Orders and written Treatment Protocols may be used in a limited number of specified medical situations of a routine nature.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines for the proper administration of Standing Orders and Treatment Protocols.

OREGON JAIL STANDARD:

- G-102 Responsibility and Authority for Health Care Delivery

DEFINITIONS.

Standing Medical Orders are written medical orders for an AJ nurse that specify the same course of treatment for each patient suspected of having a given condition.

Treatment Protocols are written orders for Health Trained Deputies (HTDs) that specify steps to take in appraising a patient's physical status. Treatment Protocols do not include any directions regarding dosages of prescription medication.

PROCEDURES.

- A-1. Authorized Personnel.** AJ nurses will follow the Standing Orders and the Health Trained Deputies will follow the steps in the Treatment Protocols. Health Trained Deputies are not authorized to treat inmates under Standing Medical Orders.
- A-2. Training.** Members authorized to perform a Standing Order and/or Treatment Protocol will first have been certified as trained and qualified by the Medical Director or appropriate educational institution with regard to each specific Order or Protocol.
- A-3.** All Standing Orders and Treatment Protocols will be reviewed, updated and signed as needed by the Medical Director.