



TREATMENT PROTOCOL

DRUG/ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL

1. Symptoms/Presentation:

- Withdrawal can be mild, moderate or severe and can last up to 2 weeks.
- Severe withdrawal can cause death.

2. Mild Withdrawal: Irritability, headache, sweating, nervousness, sleeplessness.

- Place inmate under observation.
- Take blood pressure, temperature, and pulse rate.
- Contact the Facility Nurse, pass on the information, and follow instructions.

3. Moderate Withdrawal: Hyperactivity, quivering sensation, moderate tremors, nausea, vomiting, mild diarrhea, tingling sensations.

- Place inmate under observation.
- Contact Facility Nurse or Facility Physician, pass on information and request instructions.
- If inmate advances into severe withdrawal, contact EMT's.

4. Severe Withdrawal: Disorientation, severe shakes, dry heaves, auditory and visual hallucinations, numbness, marked restlessness.

- Call 911 for EMTs.
- Have someone stay with inmate until EMTs arrive.