

*Kathy Kronele***STANDING ORDER****EMERGENCY BAG****I. POLICY**

The Deschutes County Adult Jail will establish a policy to provide a standing order for medical emergencies to be used by all nursing staff. Corrections staff will respond and, if necessary, assist the medical staff. The key to dealing with medical emergencies is rapid recognition of the situation, safe and appropriate management of the inmate, and safety of others in the facility. These procedures are intended to provide guidelines for initial stabilization until EMT's arrive.

**II. SCOPE**

It will be the responsibility of medical nursing staff to be familiar with the procedures, medication and equipment used to respond to emergencies that may occur in the facility. The following situations will be covered.

- A. Anaphylaxis
- B. Seizures
- C. Syncope (fainting)
- D. Choking/Breathing emergencies
- E. Cardiac arrest
- F. Injuries
- G. Emergency Childbirth/Hemorrhage
- H. Altered Mental Status
- I. Hypoglycemia

**III. GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- A. EMT's should be called (9-1-1 Dispatch) immediately, if indicated.
- B. Universal Precautions should be used at all times.
- C. Personnel: In any medical emergency one person should assume the role as team leader (regarding the medical management), this will be a nurse if possible.
- D. A minimum of two people should attend inmate. One person should serve as the recorder, writing everything done that happens, with times noted. Corrections staff will manage the environmental and safety factors involved in the incident.
- E. If the inmate is unconscious, immediately assess patient and perform CPR per AHA guidelines.

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- F. If inmate is conscious, have them rest comfortably. If obviously pregnant, call EMTs, have her lie on her left side, and support abdomen with blankets.
- G. Rapidly assess inmate to determine if anaphylactic shock may be the cause of the problem. Look for hives, rash, and facial swelling. Ask about precipitating factors, drug, food, insect sting, etc.
- H. Take vital signs: blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate. Repeat every 5-10 minutes, or as indicated by inmate's medical status.

#### **IV. SUPPLIES**

- A. All medical supplies in each bag will be universal.
- B. All bags will have an inventory of contents attached or in the bag.

#### **V. QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. A quarterly review will be completed and recorded to assure that the supplies are completely stocked, universal throughout all Emergency Bags, contents are not damaged, deteriorated or contaminated, and that none of the medication will expire sooner than one month before the date of the next review.