

Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center		
TITLE: Body and Skin Inspection at Crisis Stabilization Unit	POLICY No: CL-NU-02	Page 1 of 1
RESPONSIBILITY: Inpatient - Nursing		
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PURPOSE:

- A. A body and skin check captures the client's general physical condition, based on careful inspection. It provides for a baseline of the client's body and skin condition upon admission/entry into the crisis stabilization units.
- B. To ensure that all clients entering the crisis stabilization units are checked for injuries or signs of infection that may have been sustained prior to admission or returning to the units from a pass.

POLICY:

- A. A body/skin check must be done for all clients upon admission and/or return to the inpatient unit from a pass to assess for injuries such as bruises, cuts, or signs of infection.

PROCEDURE:

- A. The client and/or their legal guardian must be informed that a body check will be performed by staff.
- B. Two (2) staff must be present to conduct the body/skin check in a private room ensuring the client's privacy is protected.
 1. Staff conducting the body/skin inspection must be of the same sex as the client.
 2. If a client is a minor, the legal guardian may choose to be present during the body check
- C. All injuries (new or old) including but not limited to: bruises, cuts, lacerations, boils, etc., body markings, piercings, etc. must be noted and documented in the admission/progress notes.
- D. When applicable, jewelry must be surrendered to the staff.
 1. Staff must document any jewelry surrendered by client in the Inventory Form and note whether it is secured in the locked box in the Nurses' Station or returned to the family.
- E. Staff must inform the client and/or legal guardian of any significant findings.

RELATED POLICY:

1. *AD-HS-04 Contraband and Personal Searches*
2. *AdD-HS-05 Pat Down and Strip Searches Protocol*

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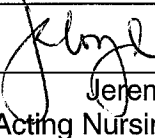
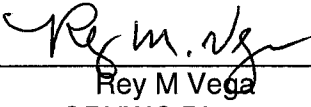
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Protocol/Form

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Bylaws

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