



Nursing Service Guidelines
Inpatient Behavioral Health

Title: Dismissal from Detox Treatment

Responsibility: Department Directors/Lead Nurses/Detox Floor Nurses/Designees

Purpose of Guidelines: To maintain a safe and therapeutic environment, where patients can feel safe and respected while they are in vulnerable state of their recovery.

Procedure:

1) The Program Director/Charge Nurse/Designee may ask a patient to leave the program/ hospital for the following reasons:

- A) Patient found with contraband after admission
- B) Patient leaves the detox unit without permission
- C) Patient refusal to follow unit rules
- D) Patient refusal to participate in their own treatment
- E) Patient is loud or disruptive to the milieu
- F) Patient presents as a danger to self or others

2) Staff will assist patient in obtaining all their belongings and arranging transportation prior to leaving, unless an unsafe situation is presented.

3) If patient refuses to leave the program/hospital at that time, staff will call security to have patient escorted out of the hospital.

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