

NURSING SERVICE GUIDELINES OUTPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Guideline: **Drugs and illegal substances
discovered on campus**



Responsibility: Treatment providers of
multidisciplinary team

Effective Date:
August 2023

Purpose of Guidelines: To assist in the
treatment of addiction, it is the expectation
that the environment be free of illegal drugs
and other illegal substances. This guideline is to
establish a process to guide staff in the
discovery of illegal or suspected substances on
campus.

Initial Effective Date:
June 1, 2020

Procedure:

- (A) Upon discovery of an illegal drug or illegal substance or suspected illegal drug or substance staff will do the following:
- (1) Put on gloves and face mask
 - (2) Secure substance in an area away from patients and general population.
 - (3) Remove gloves.
 - (4) Wash hands.
 - (5) Notify administrative director, or designee.
 - (6) Notify group facilitators as this may influence clinical decision making.
 - (7) Consult with campus police for direction on the disposal of the substance.

NOTE - Staff should not touch or approach any substance suspected to be drugs, which is uncontained and poses a greater exposure risk. The immediate area should be secured and UTPD should be notified right away.

- (B) Complete a Safety Net documenting the event

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(C) Resources

SAMHSA

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