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SUBJECT: FORENSIC INFORMATION

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Policy

It is the policy of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) that licensed medical staff is prohibited from participating in the collection of forensic information from the alleged perpetrator or the alleged victim in an IDJC facility. The role of the licensed medical staff is to serve the health needs of the juveniles committed to the IDJC. The intent of this policy is to ensure that the role of the health staff is to serve the health needs of the juveniles. Performing psychological evaluations of juveniles for use in adversarial proceeding (e.g., court, probation, or parole hearings), conducting body cavity searches for contraband, and collecting blood or urine specimens for drug analysis are examples of what is outside of the health staffs professional relationship.

Operating Procedures

- A. Arrangements are made for forensic information to be gathered by trained medical staff not associated with the IDJC. The staff gathering information are employed outside of the facility, or as otherwise directed by law enforcement or the appropriate investigating authority.
- B. Manual or instrument body cavity searches for contraband are not conducted at the facility. Looking in a juvenile's mouth or observing a juvenile showering constitutes visual inspection. Visual inspection of a juvenile showering for forensic purposes is conducted in private by trained medical staff not associated with IDJC.
- C. IDJC licensed medical staff and mental health staff do not collect DNA specimens, or report, for forensic analysis (e.g. DNA testing, competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, fitness for release).
- D. Referrals for the collection and analysis of DNA can be made if deemed necessary or if ordered by the court. Oral and buccal sampling for DNA testing, if available, does not require the involvement of licensed medical staff and can be performed by non-medical staff.
- E. Drug testing of juveniles is not performed by licensed medical staff. Urine drug tests are completed by non-medical, direct care staff.

Reference: [Glossary of Terms and Acronyms](#)
[National Commission on Correctional Health Care: Standards for Health Services in Juvenile Detention and Confinement Facilities Y-I-03 Forensic Information](#)

Related Policies: [Drug Testing of Juveniles \(684\)](#)
[Contraband Acquisition and Disposition Searches \(620\)](#)

Related Forms: *None*