

CHAPTER 18

Medical Evaluation of Inmate-Patients Involved in Assaults, Cell Extraction, or "Use of Force"

I. POLICY

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) health care staff shall perform medical evaluations of all inmate-patients involved in an assault, cell extractions or "Use of Force."

II. PURPOSE

To determine the presence or absence of any injuries incurred by an inmate-patient as a result of an assault, cell extraction or application of "Use of Force."

III. PROCEDURE

- A. After any application of "Use of Force" or when an inmate-patient has been involved in an assault, the inmate-patient shall be evaluated by a Medical Technical Assistant (MTA), Registered Nurse (RN), Licensed Psychiatric Technician (LPT), or Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN).
 1. The MTA, RN, LPT, or LVN shall document the incident, with findings, on a CDC Form 7219, Medical Report of Injury or Unusual Occurrence. An RN/MTA/LPT/LVN shall complete a CDCR Form 7230, Interdisciplinary Progress Note, with comprehensive medical information in the Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan, and Education (SOAPE) format. The CDCR Form 7230 shall be filed in the Unit Health Record (UHR) (Refer to CDCR Form 7219, Volume 4, *Access to Care* and *Medical Report of Injury or Unusual Occurrence*). After completion of the CDCR 7219 by the MTA, the designated RN shall be notified to arrange for assessment and disposition. If an RN completes the CDCR Form 7219 he/she is to make an assessment and disposition of any clinical findings, which are to be documented on a Progress Note or Emergency Care Flow Sheet. In some cases the PCP or POC may be contacted to examine the inmate-patient or to provide direction regarding appropriate management.
 2. If the inmate-patient involved in an assault or "Use of Force" is housed in the General Population (GP) and he/she requires re-housing in the Administrative Segregation Unit, a MTA, LPT, LVN or RN shall also complete a review of the inmate-patient's mental health record and, if indicated, refer the inmate-patient to Mental Health staff (see Mental Health Services Delivery System Program Guide, *Administrative Segregation*).
- B. If an injury to an inmate-patient constitutes an emergency, staff shall implement the Emergency Response policy (Refer to Volume 4, *Medical Emergency Response Documentation and Review*).