

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction
Division Of Prisons

SECTION: Administrative – Reporting

POLICY # AD VIII-5

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SUBJECT: Reporting Positive Drug Findings during
Diagnostic Work-up

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 2002
SUPERCEDES DATE: None

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for reporting positive drug findings on inmates.

POLICY

Positive drug screens during diagnostic work-up are to be considered confidential patient's information as is all medical inmate information.

PROCEDURE

Rarely would a physician need to order a drug screen. At times which this might occur, i.e. Emergency Room visit, information should be given to medical personnel only.

As Custody does randomly complete drug tests on inmate, the medical staff could advise Custody they might want to do a drug screen on a particular inmate without divulging any information as to drug screen that has been completed by medical staff. Custody could then develop their own findings and conclusions.



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