

HOSPITAL & MEDICAL VERIFICATION PROTOCOL

Medical Clearance & Verification Tool for Law Enforcement

PURPOSE

This protocol ensures that individuals displaying possible medical or neurological impairment are properly evaluated before arrest, detention, or booking. It prioritizes patient safety, legal protection, and accurate medical verification.

CORE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Request EMS consultation before arrest when medical signs are unclear
- Require emergency room (ER) medical clearance prior to jail booking
- Delay enforcement actions until medical causes are ruled out
- Document all medical observations and clearance decisions

NEUROLOGICAL ESCALATION PROTOCOL

- Request neurology consult when seizure activity is suspected
- Request neurology consult when traumatic brain injury (TBI) is suspected
- Request neurology consult when stroke or sudden neurological deficit is suspected
- Treat post-seizure and post-stroke states as medical until cleared

FIELD VERIFICATION CHECKLIST

- EMS contacted before arrest when medical signs are present
- Hospital medical clearance obtained before booking
- Neurology consult requested if seizure, TBI, or stroke is suspected
- Medical findings documented in report
- Time and physician clearance noted

LEGAL & SAFETY REMINDER

Failure to obtain proper medical clearance prior to detention can result in serious injury, wrongful death, civil liability, and criminal liability. Medical verification protects both the individual and the responding agency.

DISCLAIMER: This protocol is intended for training and field guidance only. It does not replace departmental policy, hospital regulations, EMS procedures, or medical diagnosis. Always defer to licensed medical professionals and agency directives.

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