

NH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE	CHAPTER <u>Health Services</u> STATEMENT NUMBER <u>6.24</u>
<b>SUBJECT: HEALTH STAFF PARTICIPATION IN THE COLLECTION OF FORENSIC INFORMATION</b>  <b>PROPONENT: <u>Helen Hanks, Administrative Dir.</u></b> <i>Name/Title</i> <u>Medical/Forensic Services 271-3707</u> <i>Office Phone #</i>	EFFECTIVE DATE <u>04/01/14</u> REVIEW DATE <u>04/01/15</u> SUPERSEDES PPD# <u>6.24</u> DATED <u>02/15/06</u>
ISSUING OFFICER:   _____ <i>William Wrenn, Commissioner</i>	DIRECTOR'S INITIALS _____ DATE _____ APPENDIX ATTACHED: YES _____ NO _____
REFERENCE NO: NONE	

- I. **PURPOSE:**  
To establish guidelines for the collection of forensic information.
- II. **APPLICABILITY:**  
To all health care staff under the supervision of the Division of Medical and Forensic Services
- III. **POLICY:**  
It is the policy of the Department of Corrections that health staff is prohibited from participating in the collection of forensic information, or performing psychological evaluations of inmates to be used in adversarial proceedings, except for those circumstances listed within this policy.
- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
- A. Health services staff are not involved in the collection of forensic information (e.g., DNA testing), except when:
- i) complying with state laws that require blood samples from inmates, so long as there is consent of the inmate or the inmates guardian and health services staff are not involved in any punitive action taken as a result of an inmate's nonparticipation in the collection process,
  - ii) conducting blood or urine testing for alcohol or other drugs when done for medical purposes by a physician's order;
  - iii) conducting inmate-specific, court-ordered laboratory tests, examinations, or radiology procedures with consent of the inmate or the inmates guardian, and
  - iv) in the case of sexual assault, gathering evidence from the inmate-victim with his or her consent or consenting guardian.
- B. In cases not covered by the above, personnel not retained by DOC for on-site services may be utilized to perform the requested services at the expense of the requestor after appropriate consent, court order, and clearances to enter the facilities.

REFERENCES:

Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies  
Fourth Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions  
Fourth Edition Standards  
**4-4282; 4-4207**

Standards for Adult Community Residential Services  
Fourth Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Field Services  
Third Edition Standards

Standards for Health Services in Prisons  
National Commission on Correctional Health Care 2008  
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