

<b>Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Policy</b>	
<b>Emergency Involuntary Procedures</b>	
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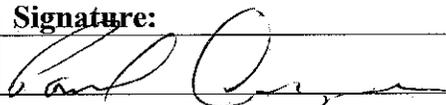
The Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH) is committed to establishing and maintaining a treatment environment that is safe, clinically effective, and non-violent.

Staff at the VPCH continually explore ways to reduce, avoid, or eliminate restraint, seclusion, and emergency involuntary medications through education, training, and effective performance improvement activities.

The Leadership of VPCH will:

- ensure that emergency involuntary procedures are used only in emergency situations.
- ensure that VPCH complies with rules set forth in Act 79, CMS Conditions of Participation and The Joint Commission standards.
- protect and promote each patient's rights.

Emergency involuntary procedures at VPCH are used as safety measures of last resort, with the intention of preventing or minimizing violence in a manner consistent with the principles of recovery, and cognizant of the impact of trauma in the lives of many hospitalized individuals.

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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