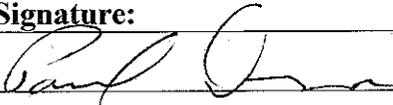


Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Policy	
Escorting Patients	
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It is the policy of the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH) to provide a safe and secure treatment environment and ensure that staff maintain appropriate supervision of patients when they escort patients to sites on or away from VPCH. In all instances VPCH shall ensure that patients are escorted in the least restrictive and most dignified manner possible.

For the purposes of this policy, escort means direct supervision of patients who are out of the secure residential and treatment area. The escort policy applies when patients are transported in a VPCH vehicle. Escort to off-site activities or appointments involving vehicle transport is further detailed in the **Transporting Patients Policy and Procedure**.

Approved by:	Signature:	Date:
Paul Dupre, Commissioner, DMH		4-3-14