

Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Procedure

Patient Court Restrictions

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- I.** A list of patients on restriction will be maintained that identifies their legal status and will be comprised of:
 - A.** Patients on Observation status (patients who have been charged with a criminal offense and are hospitalized to determine sanity and competency).
 - B.** Patients committed following observation status (patients who were determined to be mentally ill and subsequently committed).
 - C.** Patients with a mittimus to Corrections.
 - D.** Patients identified to be potentially dangerous by their treatment team.
- II.** All patients on the restriction list require a memorandum from the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Chief Executive Officer and Commissioner authorizing any relaxation of restrictions.
- III.** A 10-day notice to the appropriate State's Attorney's Office, prior to discharge, is required for all patients on the restriction list.
- IV.** Patients on the restricted list with a designation ** have a mittimus to correctional facility and must be returned to the Department of Corrections at discharge, unless the court determines otherwise in compliance with Section 4822: Civil Commitment following an Observation Order.
- V.** Patients on the restricted list with a designation * must have a court hearing prior to discharge. A discharge plan must be in place for the court hearing.

Approved by VPCH Policy Committee

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