

# Green Mountain Psychiatric Care Center Policy

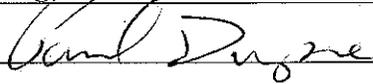
## Patient Internet Access

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The Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH) views patient internet access as an important service to supporting self-directed care. Patients can use the internet in order to facilitate gathering information about their illness and treatment options, to assist in discharge planning, to maintain community supports, as a normalizing social experience, and to gain skills and knowledge about using computers and the internet.

Patient access to the internet will be subject to discussion with treatment team regarding level of access and shall be used to promote positive benefits. Responsible use is expected and any abuses of internet use shall result in suspension of its use until the treatment team can meet to discuss options.

Approved by:	Signature:	Date:
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