

<b>Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Policy</b>
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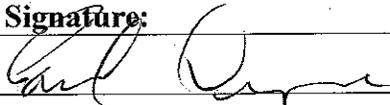
<b>Risk Assessment</b>
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The Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH) recognizes that patients admitted to this hospital pose a risk to their own or another person's safety (admissions criteria).

VPCH shall utilize a frequent and dynamic process for the assessment and management of risk of self-harm and harm to others that balances the individual's need for autonomy and need for protection. This process shall be initiated for all patients upon admission and maintained throughout hospitalization. VPCH shall continually seek to improve its risk assessment procedures.

Approved by:	Signature:	Date:
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