

DATE:	JANUARY 28, 2016
NUMBER:	M.18
SUBJECT:	MEDICATION PASS SECURITY
RELATED SECTIONS:	M.19 , M.35 , MSD.P.1 , MSD.P.4 ; Title VII of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-177).

PURPOSE

Security and control will be provided during medication pass in Sheriff's detention facilities.

POLICY

Deputies and nurses will collaborate to ensure inmates receive medications in an organized and supervised manner. Inmates will ingest "watch take" medications as directed. Deputies will be responsible for reporting, in writing, any discovered contraband pharmaceuticals.

PROCEDURE

- I. Deputies will assist medication nurses by providing inmate supervision during routine medication pass. In rare and exigent circumstances, as determined by the watch commander, the nurses can do routine medication pass without the assistance of a deputy.
- II. Medication nurses will advise the attending deputy when an inmate is being given a "watch take" medication. Deputies shall make themselves available to assist the nurse in supervising all inmates being given "watch take" medication. All inmates requiring "watch take" will be required to take the medication with water to ensure that he/she has ingested the medication. "Watch take" medications include, but are not limited to:
 - A. Medications for psychiatric disorders, seizure disorders, narcotics and communicable diseases (TB medications).
 - B. Any medication that the inmate is suspected of "cheeking," hoarding and/or selling.
- III. Deputies will assist the medication nurses in doing a thorough check for ingestion of a medication. This includes, but is not limited to, the direct visualization of an inmate's open mouth while lifting his/her tongue, checking the contents of the inmate's drinking cup, as well as the inmate showing the nurse/deputy his/her open hands.
- IV. Medication nurses will advise the deputy if an inmate is suspected of "cheeking," hoarding and/or selling his/her medication.
- V. Sworn staff shall notify medical staff if an inmate is discovered to be hoarding, "cheeking," and/or selling any medication. Sworn staff shall document these discoveries in JIMS inmate status/rules violation reports (ISR/RVR).

Medical staff will utilize the ISR/RVR when presenting the inmate/patient's non-compliance to the reviewing or prescribing physician or psychiatrist.