

**CONTRABAND (MEDICAL OBSERVATION)
Level I**

Skill Level: RN

Health Services staff is to ONLY attend to the patient's health care needs. Do not participate in any searches of the cell, the inmates, or bowel movements.

<p>Subjective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inmate statement or security suspicion of sequestered or ingested balloon containing drugs, paraphernalia, or other contraband such as keys, razors, cell phones, etc.	<p>Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alteration in health: Potential for alteration in homeostasis—changes in vital signs or mental status.• Risk for injury from toxic drug ingestion or sequestered foreign body.
<p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elicit type of drugs or contraband suspected as ingested or sequestered, how packaged, number of packages (Document).• Vitals, level of consciousness, behavior all similar to previously.• No tachycardia, elevated blood pressure, respiratory depression, changes in mental status, including agitation, confusion, etc. This may be evidence that ingested drugs have become systemically absorbed (e.g. broken balloon of drug).• No evidence of medical distress.	<p>Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invasive cavity searches including rectal or vaginal exams will not be done unless clearly in the medical best interests of the patient and the patient agrees to the exam in writing.• If suspect potentially fatal intoxicant, consider infirmary placement for observation even if vitals and mental status are stable.• If patient vitals or mental status are not stable, prepare for immediate emergency transport and call provider for further advice if needed.• Follow patient clinically in an infirmary or hospital if strong suspicion of dangerous drug ingestion (vitals, mentation, etc.) and recheck periodically prn.

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Nursing Education:

1. Forensic searches (i.e. done for legal/security reasons) may be completed by a trained individual at the facility who does not work in Health Services (usually security staff). **These are not done by Health Services Staff.**
2. A body cavity search may be completed at a local community health care facility, at security's discretion. These are not ODOC Health Services interventions.
3. Health Services care is directed to the health of the individual patient only.
4. Medically monitoring of an at-risk patient is an appropriate function of Health Services staff.
5. You may examine a patient if they agree and it is in their medical best interests.

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