



Medical Marijuana

Medical Staff Policies & Procedures	
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I. PURPOSE:

The goal of this policy is to establish procedures when a patient brings in for use of marijuana in whatever form that has not been approved as a medication during the patient's hospital stay or in outpatient visit.

II. SCOPE:

All clinical departments of Jersey Shore University Medical Center.

III. POLICY:

In accordance with all applicable regulations it is the policy of Jersey Shore University Medical Center to protect the health and safety of our patients, staff and visitors and to prevent the use of marijuana in any form on the medical center's premises

Whenever a Jersey Shore University Medical Center staff member observes a patient bring in or using medical marijuana, the staff will inform the manager or designee immediately. The manager or designee will notify pharmacy, risk management and the patient's attending physician.

Medical marijuana will not be allowed to be stored or used in the medical center premises at any time. The patient or the family will be asked to remove the substance immediately out of the medical center and if patient or family refuses to comply with medical center policies it may result in discharge by the physician.

Alternative medications will be offered for treatment of the patient as deemed appropriate by the physician and within guidelines of the medical center policies.

REFERENCES

1. Drug Enforcement Administration; Regulations.
2. N.J. Board of Pharmacy; Regulations.
3. Joint Commission; Comprehensive Manual for Accreditation of Hospitals, Standards.
4. ASHP; Best Practices for Health-System Pharmacy.