



CORRECTIONS MEDICINE
Patient Personal Hygiene
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To assure the maintenance of personal cleanliness and prevent the spread of communicable disease.

- II. **POLICY:** The Saint Louis County Department of Public Health (DPH) Corrections Medicine program assists the Department of Justice Services (DJS) in the maintenance of patient personal hygiene by assessing patients with special needs and supply durable medical equipment for those requesting it to maintain personal hygiene.

- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All staff members working for Corrections Medicine are responsible for the content of and adherence to this policy and procedure.

- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
 - 1. Showers are permitted daily and scheduled by DJS. If a patient is unable to shower related to a medical condition, Corrections Medicine will collaborate with DJS to arrange for devices to assist with showers, or request transfer to a different location for showers that have easier or more appropriate access for the patient.

 - 2. Any special items required for medical conditions, such as adult diapers or disposable underwear are supplied by the Corrections Medicine staff.

 - 3. Feminine hygiene products are available for all women of childbearing age by DJS staff.

- V. **REFERENCE:**
Department of Justice Services Policy 836