

Division of Public Safety / Division of Corrections

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SECTION:	2	Health Services	EFFECTIVE DATE: March 14, 2005
SUBJECT:	23	ELECTIVE/COSMETIC SURGERY	
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I. POLICY

Elective and cosmetic surgery will be the sole province of the Health Care Provider.

II. PURPOSE

To set forth guidelines within the Division for performing elective/cosmetic surgery on inmates.

III. APPLICABILITY

The Healthcare Provider is responsible for adhering to the following policy.

IV. STANDARDS

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There are guidelines that govern elective procedures or surgery for inmates. They must include decision-making process for elective surgery needed to correct a substantial function deficit or if an existing pathological process threatens the well-being of the inmate over a period of time.

V. DEFINITIONS

Elective/Cosmetic Surgery – Surgery that is not medically necessary to preserve life or limb.

Substantial Functional Deficit – An impairment of an essential normal daily activity such as self feeding, ability to dress oneself, perform daily grooming.

Utilization Review Panel – A panel consisting of a minimum of three physicians, the Quality Assurance Specialist, a Registered Nurse, and the Medical Director/designee who will review all requests for off-site medical consultations, procedures, surgeries, and medical devices for medical necessity.

VI. GENERAL INFORMATION

None

VII. FORMS

The following forms are referenced in this policy and procedure:

VIII. PROCEDURES

- A. Elective/cosmetic surgery will not be performed on any inmate in the Division.
- B. If surgery is needed to correct a substantial functional deficit or if an existing pathological process threatens the well being of an inmate over a period of time, it is not considered elective. The following criteria will be used:
 - a. Is their condition deteriorating significantly and/or rapidly?
 - b. Is the condition a threat to life or limb?
- C. The attending physician and the Utilization Review Panel will make this determination.
- D. The level of medical services will be determined by medical necessity.
- E. The Medical Director/designee will be the final authority of determination of medical necessity.

IX. TRAINING

None Required