

4.1.2 Hygiene Intervention

(a) Policy

California Correctional Health Care Services staff shall evaluate patients who are identified, reported, and documented by any staff member as having poor hygiene or whose hygiene compromises the sanitation of their personal and immediate housing area.

(b) Purpose

To provide patients who display inappropriate hygiene management with indicated medical or mental health care.

(c) Responsibility

The Chief Executive Officer, or designee, of each institution is responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of this policy.

(d) Procedure

- (1) Any staff who observes a patient displaying behavior such as refusing to shower for an extended period of time, fecal smearing, urinating on the floor, food smearing, displaying behavior or displaying their person or property in an unhygienic manner, or other similar inappropriate behavior, shall notify the facility clinic Registered Nurse (RN) or Triage and Treatment Area RN.
- (2) The RN, or designee, shall conduct an evaluation within one business day of notification and, if indicated, shall refer the patient to a primary care provider or mental health clinician.
- (3) Health care staff shall document requests for evaluations and the evaluation in the health record.

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