

**SECTION - MEDICAL/NURSING SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 548
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**SUBJECT: SCREENING FOR POSSIBLE MOVEMENT DISORDERS RELATED TO
NEUROLEPTIC MEDICATION**

I. PURPOSE

Coalinga State Hospital shall have a mechanism to ensure the documentation, monitoring, and reporting of involuntary movements of all Individuals.

II. AUTHORITY

Department of Mental Health, Special Order 106.

III. POLICY

To assure documentation of presence or absence of abnormal involuntary movements in Individuals receiving psychotropic medications.

IV. METHOD

A. Observation:

1. Clinical staff shall be trained to assist the physician in identifying abnormal movements. Training in movement disorders shall be part of the hospital's approved core training plan. All treatment staff shall be trained in movement disorders during their initial orientation phase.
2. A systematic evaluation with a reliable rating scale, such as AIMS (Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale), shall be performed at the time of admission. Abnormal findings will be discussed in the physician's progress notes.

B. Documentation:

Consideration of the benefits and risks of psychotropic medication shall be documented in the Wellness and Recovery Planning Conference and explained to the Individual. This documentation shall include, at a minimum, the target symptoms (the anticipated benefit) and the presence or absence of any abnormal involuntary movement disorder (a risk).

C. Monitoring:

The AIMS Form will be completed yearly at the time of the annual physical. This form will be filed in the Individual's medical record in the Medical Assessment Section.



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