

# DACUM Research Chart for Correctional Nurse

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Duties		Tasks			
<b>A</b>	Process Through Security	A-1 Show I.D. to officer at staff entrance	A-2 Check for proper uniform/clothing	A-3 Swipe I.D. through scanner	A-4 Provide digital fingerprint
		A-5 Pass through inspection (bags, lunches, etc.)	A-6 Exchange chit/star for keys		
<b>B</b>	Personal Security	B-1 Carry badge with picture I.D.	B-2 Maintain awareness of surroundings	B-3 Carry whistle	B-4 Carry a personal alarm
		B-5 Have two-way radio	B-6 Secure custodial escort	B-7 Wear face shields	B-8 Put on protective garments as needed
<b>C</b>	Take Report	C-1 Get report sheet	C-2 Check patient assignments/lists	C-3 Update patient cardex	C-4 Give and receive report
		C-5 Prioritize patient care and/or activities			
<b>D</b>	Make Inmate/Detainee Rounds	D-1 Conduct visual assessment	D-2 Note patient complaints	D-3 Document patient complaint in chart	D-4 Notify proper authority of abnormal findings
		D-5 Oversee supervision of contraband watch			
<b>E</b>	Count Sharps and Narcotics	E-1 Unlock sharps/narcotic cabinet	E-2 Count sharps and narcotics	E-3 Log in sharps and narcotics count	E-4 Note discrepancies in count
		E-5 Notify Senior R.N. or supervisor if count is off	E-6 Inventory narcotics/sharps on hand	E-7 Order narcotics, sharps, or other supplies	E-8 Check medication ref. temperature
		E-9 Record medication ref. temperature	E-10 Lock medication/sharp cabinet	E-11 Check emergency equipment (i.e., crash cart, oxygen, suction, defib.)	E-12 Log status of emergency equipment

**F**

Conduct Patient Assessment

F-1 Generate list for custody officer	F-2 Visual patient assessment	F-3 Take blood pressure	F-4 Take respirations/pulse
F-5 Obtain patient temperature	F-6 Obtain height and weight	F-7 Listen to breath sounds	F-8 Take verbal history
F-9 Discomfort (pain) assessment	F-10 Examination of affected system(s)		

**G**

Assist With Medical Rounds

G-1 Roundup medical record	G-2 Inform M.D. of nursing diagnosis	G-3 Facilitate M.D. with physical assessment	G-4 Remove patient's dressing
G-5 Translate as needed			

**H**

Check New Orders

H-1 Transcribe verbal orders	H-2 Review physician's orders against chief complaint	H-3 Note physician orders	H-4 Sends a copy of orders to pharmacy
H-5 Fill out requisitions as ordered for tests/treatments	H-6 Initiate outside referral process	H-7 Initiate new patient care orders	

**I**

Administer Patient Medication

I-1 Check patient orders	I-2 Review the 5 rights of medication administration	I-3 Verify patient I.D./CDC number	I-4 Check the M.A.R. against M.D. order
I-5 Prepare patient medication	I-6 Dispense patient medication	I-7 Record patient medication in chart/mediation profile	I-8 Conduct D.O.T. (direct observation therapy)

**J**

Process Patient Admissions

J-1 Check admissions orders	J-2 Initiate admission procedures	J-3 Assess patient	J-4 Have patient sign consent/refusal form
J-5 Fill out admission packet	J-6 Put chart together	J-7 Initiate treatment	J-8 Re-evaluate treatment

**K**

Process Patient Discharge

K-1 Check medical records for discharge orders	K-2 Evaluate patient	K-3 Notify custody	K-4 Get a housing
K-5 Send orders to MTA of yard	K-6 Discharge instructions	K-7 Make follow-up referral	K-8 Discharge to housing

**L**

Chart Patient Progress

L-1 Prepare chart of day	L-2 Review patient chart	L-3 Open nurses notes	L-4 Record vital signs
L-5 Record diet	L-6 Record height and weight	L-7 Update plan of care	L-8 Note treatments and results
L-9 24 hour review of chart	L-10 Note abnormal finding	L-11 Close nurses notes for shift	

**M**

Suicide Watch

M-1 Notified of a suicidal candidate	M-2 Physical assessment of patient	M-3 Mental health assessment of patient	M-4 Notify M.P., P.A., M.D., or Psych.
M-5 Initiate suicide watch	M-6 Obtain order for suicide watch	M-7 Notify watch commander or custody	M-8 Supervise a strip
M-9 Remove patient clothing/objects	M-10 Place with "Barney" suit if ordered	M-11 Supervise one-to-one custody 24 hour observation	M-12 Document q 15 minute patient condition
M-13 Reassess every 1-6 hours	M-14 Reassess mental status	M-15 Psych assessment of patient within 24 hours	M-16 Monitor restraints and restraint chair
M-17 Follow-up post-suicide ideation			

**N**

Initiate Emergency Response

N-1 Triage patient	N-2 Activate disaster response	N-3 Perform EKG's as needed	N-4 Report of unusual occurrence
N-5 Provide trauma care	N-6 Transfer patient to appropriate agency/place	N-7 Document emergency response	

**O**

I.V. Therapy

O-1 Check doctor orders	O-2 Gather I.V. supplies	O-3 Access vein	O-4 Start I.V. (Insert I.V. cathlon)
O-5 Heplock I.V. site	O-6 Prepare I.V. medication	O-7 Label medication on I.V. bag	O-8 Administer I.V. medication
O-9 Maintain patency of I.V. post-medication	O-10 Assess I.V. site for problems	O-11 Rotate I.V. sites per policy	O-12 Document I.V. therapy and results

**P**

Provide Post-Mortem Care

P-1 Notify attending physician (p.o.c.) on call	P-2 Document time of death	P-3 Notify coroner	P-4 Notify watch commander or custody
P-5 Notify chaplain	P-6 Facilitate evidence collection	P-7 Complete proper forms and documentation	

**Q**

Conduct Specialty Clinics

Q-1 Create a patient schedule	Q-2 Hold pill line	Q-3 Hold sick call	Q-4 Perform physical exam
Q-5 Monitor patients with chronic care conditions	Q-6 Issue the chrono's/layins	Q-7 Conducts minor surgeries	Q-8 Sterilization of equipment
Q-9 Perform tele-radiology on patients			

**R**

Perform Utilization Management

R-1 Initiate transfer paperwork	R-2 Coordinate patient care with outside physicians	R-3 Coordinate patient care with outside agencies	R-4 Coordinate transportation with custody
R-5 Conduct off-site hospital rounds	R-6 Monitor budget		

**S**

Perform Public Health Nurse Duties

S-1 Provide immunizations	S-2 Perform contact investigation	S-3 Provide HIV counseling and testing	S-4 Perform diagnostic testing
S-5 Report communicable diseases	S-6 Provide training re: blood borne pathogens	S-7 Provide inservices on communicable diseases	S-8 Hold annual staff and inmate TB clearance
S-9 Supervise bio-hazardous clean up	S-10 Conduct monthly reports	S-11 Initiate and maintain isolation as per protocol	

**T**

Nursing Administrative Duties

T-1 Develop policies and procedures	T-2 Maintain policies and procedures	T-3 Orient new staff	T-4 Provide inservice training
T-5 Hold meetings	T-6 Inventory medical supplies	T-7 Create staff scheduling	T-8 Oversee the supervision of working inmates
T-9 Initiate emergency staffing	T-10 Hold video conferencing		

**Future Trends and Concerns**

- Higher education
- Increased security awareness
- Specialty in corrections
- Training in self-defense

**General Knowledge and Skills**

- Abd assess/G.I.
- Breathing TX
- Cardiac assess
- Central line care
- Critical thinking
- Decubitus care
- Diabetic Care
- Draw blood
- EKG's
- Feedings
- Foley's
- Glucometer check
- I.V.
- IM inject
- Incontinent care
- Insulin
- Make beds
- Musculo-skeletal assess
- Neuro assess
- Ostomy care
- Pap smears
- PFT's
- Planting PPD's
- Reading PPD's
- Respiratory assess
- Stool collection
- Suture, staples removal
- Urine dips
- Vaginal exams
- Wound care

**Tools, Equipment, Supplies and Materials**

- Personal alarms
- Same supplies as hospital
- Whistles

**Worker Behaviors**

- Accountable
- Autonomy
- Independent
- Integrity
- Professional
- Reliable
- Responsible
- Strong

