Psychopharmacology
in
Maine Correctional Facilities
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Maine's "Consolidated System"

- Board of Corrections
  - County Jails (15)
    - 72 hour holding facilities
    - Pretrial facility
    - Full service jail
  - State Correctional Facilities
    - Two juvenile
    - Two primary correctional facilities
    - Three smaller facilities
    - Two Re-entry centers
Entry into the System

• Booking at a county jail (40K plus a year)
  – Approx 2200 ADP
  – 25% less than a day
  – 60% less than a week

• Booking process
  – Self report
    • Medical problems
    • Psychiatric problems
    • Substance abuse
    • Suicide
    • Medications
Booking

- Medical exam ASAP
- Verification of medication and conditions
- Challenges
  - Non-communicative
  - Incomplete, inaccurate, dishonest information
  - Lack of sufficient detail
    - Meds names
    - Conditions
    - Providers
Booking Challenges

• Multiple providers
• Lack of responsiveness to requests for information
• Prescribing differences
• Access to complete medical history
• Use of families members meds
• Failure to acknowledge prescription abuse
Booking Challenges

• Generics vs. name brand
• Unexpected withdrawal
• Drugs, EOTH and poly-pharmacy
• Lack of historical compliance
Internal Challenges

• Cost and formulary
• Compliance and forced treatment
• Drug abuse inside
• Suicide
• Withdrawal
• ADD meds, anti-anxiety meds, pain pills
• Medication assisted treatment for substance abuse
Re-entry Challenges

• Short term stays
• Meds upon release
  – Cost
  – Responsibility
  – Supervision and access to providers
  – Compliance
  – Diversion of meds for illegal use
Policy

• Medication assisted treatment
• Cost
• Generic vs. branded
• Types of meds
• New vs. old meds
• Providers by bid
• Common formulary and purchasing
• Transfer between institutions
• Meds upon release