

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