**PPNO Summary –**Securing contraband from patients at triage in the ED

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Would anyone be willing to share their *Emergency Department-specific* policy around screening patients and/or securing weapons and contraband from patients **at triage?**

If so, what screening tool/checklist do you use and how is it documented in the patient’s chart?

Abbreviated Question (as it will appear on search results page)

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| Sue BowCritical Care EducatorPembroke Regional Hospital613-732-2811 Ext 6644 | We do not screen at triage. Only done if patient admitted to Acute Mental Health as they have a search policy.  |  |
| George Fieber RNNursing Practice LeaderThunder Bay Regional Health Sciences CentreOffice: (807) 684-6691Cell   : (807) 629-0889 | Our ED Mental health standards of care speaks to illegal substances stating * Hospital staff may encounter contraband items or illegal substances that could pose a risk to the patient or others.  Destroying, retaining, or returning drugs to a patient could constitute criminal conduct resulting in offenses under the Criminal Code.  Medication, substances and/or unknown substances should be handled in accordance with policy PAT-3-25 (Medication – Unknown, Suspected Illicit Substances).

In regards to weapons we do not have anything specific aside from calling 911.  If on a Form 1 or will be as soon as possible, a lot easier and clearer for us to take patient belongings.We also ensure any patients arriving via police are thoroughly searched prior to entering our department. |  |
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