

# Manual of forms and guidelines for correctional mental health.

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## Abstract:

(from the cover) This compendium of forms, guidelines, and procedures for use in clinical correctional mental health settings has been specifically designed to provide guidance in documentation and procedures for administrators, clinicians, and correctional officers. Manual of Forms and Guidelines for Correctional Mental Health represents the first attempt to collate such information based on input from correctional mental health providers across the United States and reflects the experience of contributors from a variety of settings, allowing users to compare their current practices with those of their professional counterparts. This multifaceted handbook provides an abundance of tips and refinements that can improve the provision of correctional health care. Coverage ranges from basic principles of record keeping and informed consent to special topics such as checklists for suicide prevention and screening tools for malingering or mental illness. It includes the most common forms utilized by psychotherapists within the correctional setting—for intake screening, mental health evaluation, and treatment planning—and offers insights into cutting-edge topics such as touch-screen computing and quality improvement programs. Accompanying the handbook is a CD-ROM that includes interactive versions of the book's forms. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2010 APA, all rights reserved)