



Clinical Pathway Development

Assisting UMass Correctional Services

In 2002, Commonwealth Medicine, UMASSMED received a five year contract from the Massachusetts Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide comprehensive health care for individuals incarcerated in one of 17 Massachusetts state prisons. To improve the uniformity and quality of care, E&T was asked in the fall of 2003 to assist with the development of clinical pathways (patient encounter forms) to record patient care in the 12 health service units (HSUs) managed by UMass Correctional Health.

E&T staff assisted Delores Burroughs-Biron, MD, Associate Medical Director for UMASS Correctional Health to identify appropriate clinical guidelines. Two clinical pathways were developed for each identified health issue, one for the initial intake exam and another for progressive follow-up care. The clinical pathways include recommended clinical benchmarks as well as past diagnostic findings. When appropriate, clinical pathways include recommendations for more than one chronic condition (e.g., hypertension and diabetes) to assist clinicians with monitoring patients with more than one chronic disease.

The following are links to the clinical pathways that are currently being tested for use in Massachusetts' HSUs:

- [Cardiac/Hypertension/Diabetes Clinic Form](#)
- [Cardiac/Hypertension/Diabetes Follow-up Form](#)
- [Gastrointestinal \(GI\) Intake Form](#)
- [Gastrointestinal Follow-up Form](#)
- [Infectious Diseases Intake Form](#)
- [Infectious Diseases Follow-up Form](#)
- [Neurology Intake Form](#)
- [Neurology Follow-up Form](#)
- [Pulmonary Intake Form](#)
- [Pulmonary Follow-up Form](#)

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