

<b>CORRECTIONAL MANAGED HEALTH CARE POLICY MANUAL</b>	Effective Date: 3/17/2016	<b>NUMBER: A-03.1</b>  Page <u>  1  </u> of <u>  1  </u>
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<b>MEDICAL AUTONOMY</b>		

**PURPOSE:** To identify the scope of responsibility and authority of qualified health care staff providing direct patient care.

**POLICY:** Decisions and actions regarding the health care services provided to offenders are the sole responsibility of qualified health care personnel and are not compromised for security reasons or countermanded by non-clinicians. Health care personnel, however, are subject to the same security regulations as Texas Department of Criminal Justice employees.

**PROCEDURES:**

At the facility level, any security policies or practices that contradict direct medical orders should be addressed by the responsible facility health authority (TTUHSC)/management team (UTMB) and the facility administrator or his/her designee. If conflicts cannot be resolved at the facility level, then the appropriate regional/district/divisional medical director will be contacted who, in turn will contact the TDCJ Division Director for Health Services for resolution by that office.

**Reference:** ACA Standard 4-4381 (Ref. 3-4327) Mandatory