

Policy & Procedure Manual

HEAD INJURY – R-VI-1

POLICY:

All clients who have sustained a head injury will be monitored. Medical attention will be sought if necessary.

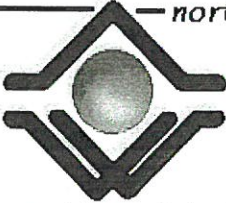
PURPOSE:

To ensure all clients are assessed for potential life threatening complications such as internal bleeding.

Note: Depending on the severity of the head injury, serious, unexpected and life threatening internal bleeding may develop in the 24 hours following a head injury.

PROCEDURE:

1. Attend to the injury and provide first aid, as required.
2. Depending on the severity of the head injury, or if any of the following symptoms are present, seek medical attention immediately:
 - i) abnormal drowsiness or change in usual behaviour
 - ii) vomiting or nausea
 - iii) confusion
 - iv) headache
 - v) abnormal twitching
 - vi) stiffness of neck or complaints of pain on neck movement
 - vii) double vision or the development of crossed eyes
 - viii) poor balance
 - ix) pupils are not equal and reacting to light.



Personal Support Services

POLICY: R-VI-1

DEPARTMENT: Personal Support Services

CATEGORY: Health and Well-being - Specialized Procedures

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3. If symptoms are not immediately present, continue to observe the client for 24 hours following the accident. This involves waking the client every 2 hours to check for symptoms. Seek medical attention if any of the above noted symptoms occur.

RECOMMENDED BY: Director, Personal Support Services

APPENDICES: 0

OPERATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Administration, Personal Support Services
Administration, Personal Support Services

ORIGINAL POLICY DATE: September 2002

AUTHORIZED BY: Executive Director

SIGNATURE: _____

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