

441—28.5(218) Photographing and recording of patients and use of cameras.

28.5(1) Use of cameras and recorders shall be allowed within the institution only with the prior authorization of the superintendent or designee. Permission to photograph and record shall be granted for one specific use, and the authorization shall not extend to any other use.

28.5(2) Photographs and recordings of a voluntary patient of legal age shall be taken for publication only with a signed release from the patient.

28.5(3) Photographs and recordings of a patient who is a minor, committed mental patient, mentally retarded, or ward of the state shall be taken for publication only with a signed release from the parent or legal guardian.

28.5(4) Every effort shall be made to preserve the inherent dignity of the patient and to preclude exploitation or embarrassment of the patients or the family of the patients.

28.5(5) Pictures and recordings of patients are not to be altered to prevent identification in any manner that would tend to perpetuate the stigma attached to the public image of mental illness or mental retardation.