



CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

NO. 21-2001 September 27, 2001

TO: SHERIFFS, JAIL ADMINISTRATORS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, MEDICAL DIRECTORS

RE: NYS Department of Health - TB Skin Test Advisory

The State Commission of Correction has recently been advised that the State Education Department's Board of Nursing has issued a directive regarding the need of a physician's order for implantation of PPD's for both inmates and employees in all correctional facilities in New York State. As you know, up to now PPD's were completed per the direction of the NYS Department of Health's Bureau of TB Control, which did not require a physician's order to allow nursing to implant a PPD.

Please find attached a letter from the Bureau of TB Control which recommends that correctional facilities do not change their policy regarding PPD's until further notice.

A number of New York State agencies and county agencies are working to have the regulation of PPD to remain as has been recommended by the Bureau of TB Control. As soon as the Commission has received any further information on this subject, we will notify your agency.

If there are any questions, please contact Bill Gaunay or Peggy Loffredo at 518-485-2482 or 518-485-2475 respectively.

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