

**CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL  
POLICY/PROCEDURE**

SUBJECT: PAIN ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

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RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW: Chief Nurse Executive

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1. POLICY

Central State Hospital is committed to the management of pain and relief of client suffering. It shall, therefore, be the policy of Central State Hospital to ensure that clients are assessed for pain and appropriate comfort measures are implemented.

The pain assessment will be utilized to assist in developing a plan of care for pain management.

2. PURPOSE

To provide a mechanism to ensure the client's pain is assessed and managed.

3. PROCEDURE

- A. A pain screening will be completed at the time of admission to Central State Hospital.
- B. An assessment will also be completed if a client reports or observations are made of new, increased, or unusual symptoms of pain and/or discomfort.
- C. A re-assessment will be done based on client's needs.

**Approved:**

**This policy has been approved by the CEO and CMO on 9/8/08.**