

Acronyms

1:1	One to One observation - staff must be within arm's length of the patient
2:1	Two to One observation - two staff assigned to one patient for constant observation
54-56d	Connecticut General Statute that patients are committed to WFH under for Competency restoration.
ABS	Antibiotic Stewardship Committee
ACS	Ambulatory Care Services
ANE	Allegation of Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation
APO	1) Agency Police Orientation 2) Agency Police Officer - police officers assigned to the Whiting Maximum Security service
APRN	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
C/RSD	Confidential & Restricted State of CT
CCAC	Clinical Certified Addiction Counselor
CD-N	Certified Dietician-Nutritionist
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFS	Chief of Forensic Services
CHRO	Commissions on Human Rights & Opportunities
CIR	Critical Incident Review
CLPN	Clinical Licensed Practical Nurse
CLRP	Connecticut Legal Rights Project
CMHC	Connecticut Mental Health Center
CMS	Clinical Medical Staff (Doctors/APRNs)
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
CNO	Chief Nursing Officer
COO	Chief Operating Officer
COSP	Clinical Occupational Therapists, Dietician/Nutrition
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
COTH	Clinical Other - School Teacher, Pharmacists, Nurse Clinical Instructors, Nutritionist, Trainer, Dentist, Pharmacy Staff, Advocacy
CPPN	Clinical Para-Professional Nursing
CPSY	Clinical Psychologist
CQCO	Chief Quality & Compliance Officer
CO	Constant Observation - assigned staff must constantly observe patient's hands, face and neck unless otherwise specified in MD order
CPHQ	Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality
CR	Conditional Release, Patient is released from the hospital, but is still under the commitment of the PSRB.
CRN	Clinical Registered Nurse(s)
CRT	Clinical Recreational Therapist (CRT)
CSS	Collaborative Safety Strategies
CSSD	Court Support Services Division (aka Probation)
C-SSRS	Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale
CSW	Clinical Social Worker
CTRS	Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
CVH	Connecticut Valley Hospital
DAS	Department of Administrative Services
DCF	Department of Children and Families
DDS	Department of Developmental Services
DMHAS	Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services
DN	Director of Nursing - a nursing manager
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DO	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
DOC	Department of Correction
DPH	Department of Public Health

DSS	Department of Social Services
EEEO	Equal Employment Opportunity Office
EOC	Environment of Care
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EPHT	Electronic Protected Health Information
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FRC	Forensic Review Committee
FTP	Focused Treatment Plan
FTS	Forensic Treatment Specialist
HIM	Health Information Management
HIPAA	Health Information Portability and Accountability Act
HCG	Health Care Guardian. Appointed by Superior Court to evaluate whether defendant needs medication to be competent, and to approve/ deny specific medication regimen.
IP	Infection Prevention
IRC	Investigative Review Committee
IT	Information Technology
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (aka Joint, The Joint Commission, TJC)
LADC	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LFTS	Lead Forensic Treatment Specialist
LMS	Learning Management System
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
MD	Doctor of Medicine
MERF	Medication Error Reporting Form - used to report any errors in medication administration, both potential and actual
MHAS-20	DMHAS work rule violation
MOD	1) Memorandum of Decision: A legal document outlining the decision(s) made by the PSRB re: an acquitted (person found NGRI) placement and treatment; 2) Medical Officer of the Day: the Doctor On Call for any given shift at the hospital who is responsible for responding to emergent and other medical situations 3) Manager On Duty: the acting manager who is responsible for overseeing patient care in the absence of a Director of Nursing;
MRS	Medical Records Supervisor
MS	Master of Science
MSN	Master of Science in Nursing
NASMHPD	National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
NGRI	Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity. Plea and court finding under which acquittees are sent to WFH and (in most cases) committed to the oversight of the PSRB.
NHO	New Hire Orientation
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NRI	NASMHPD Research Institute
NSSI	Non-Suicidal Self Injury - self-injurious behavior without suicidal intent to end one's own life.
OFE	Office of Forensic Evaluations. A branch of DMHAS which provides court-ordered evaluations by either a single psychiatrist or a team of a psychiatrist, psychologist, and social worker. They evaluate competency patients before they come to WFH.
OOC	Office of the Commissioner
OT	Occupational Therapist
PEC	Physician's Emergency Certificate. A psychiatrist's legal document that commits someone Initially to the hospital for 15 days. If someone is an Imminent danger to self/others or gravely disabled. Requires a probate court hearing to extend the commitment.
PharmD	Doctor of Pharmacy

PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
PHI	Protected Health Information - any data which is legally protected under HIPAA
PI	Performance Improvement
PIP	Performance Improvement Plan
PSRB	Psychiatric Security Review Board. The body that oversees the treatment and management of acquttees.
PsyD	Doctor of Psychology
QA	Quality Assurance
Q15	Quarterly 15 Minute Checks - a type of special observation
QRS	Quality, Risk & Safety Committee
RCA	Root Cause Analysis
RD	Registered Dietician
RMANS	Risk Management And Notification System - used for incident reporting, restraint/seclusion data aggregation and MERF documentation
RMS	Recovery Management System - used for treatment planning, group/individual attendance and some treatment notes
RN	Registered Nurse
ROI	Release of Information
RR	Return Receipts
RSS	Recovery Support Specialist
RT	Rehab Therapist
RTS	Rehab Therapy Supervisor
SI	Suicidal Ideation
SLC	Special Limited Conservator. The Probate court-appointed nurse or social worker who approves or denies involuntary psychiatric medication for competency patients.
SMHA	Southeastern Mental Health Authority
SMI-PSB	Serious Mental Illness/ Problem Sexual Behavior evaluation.
SO	Special Observation - any level of observation beyond routine observation; includes Q15, CO, 1:1, 2:1, etc.)
SOC	State of Connecticut
SOPS	Survey on Patient Safety Culture
Sub(m)	Subsection m of C6S §54-55d, indicating that the Court has found a patient to be not competent and not restorable at this time.
Sub(p)	Subsection p of CGS §54-56d, indicating that a patient is too violent to be maintained at WFH for competency restoration and we are requesting transfer to Department of Corrections (DOC).
Superintendent's Transfer:	An administrative transfer between DMHAS hospitals. Often used for patients who are too violent to manage in non-maximum-security settings when they are transferred to WFH.
TJC	The Joint Commission (aka Joint, Joint Commission, JCAHO)
TPR	Treatment Plan Review
WFH	Whiting Forensic Hospital
YAS	Young Adult Services