



Attention Stockton Chapter

You pour it, you pass it

Your license depends on it

Several of our members have approached CAPT representatives to report that correctional officers at California Health Care Facility, Stockton, are allegedly pressuring Psychiatric Technicians to let them administer inmate-patient medications.

CAPT responded to the news immediately. On January 9, Stockton Chapter President Sam Ortiz and State President Eric Soto met with the acting hospital administrator to put hospital administration on notice of the activity and the need to educate their COs about licensing standards and the role of Psych Techs and the illegality of medications being passed by unlicensed personnel. Sam made clear that the activity poses a direct danger to our PT licenses as well as the health and safety of the I/P population.

To our amazement, the administration failed to address this issue, as we are still hearing reports from PTs that COs are continuing to pressure PTs to allow them to administer the medications we have poured. Under no circumstance should any PT ever allow a CO or any other coworker, licensed or not, to administer I/P medication that you have prepared. Doing so will put your license and job in jeopardy.

We have all worked hard to earn our license. It is our responsibility not to act recklessly by letting a CO intimidate us out of performing our licensed duty. Regardless of the given reason or rationale, you must not relinquish your medication administering duties to any correctional officer.

PTs are mandatory reporters, which means if you observe meds being passed by a CO, you must report the activity or risk losing your license. If you are pressured to hand over P/I medication, say no and immediately report the incident to your supervisor and union rep. You may also report the activity to the CalHR whistleblower hotline at **(800) 952-5665**.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Stockton Chapter President Sam Ortiz at **(209) 954-2031**.

