

Excerpts from our Patient Handbook

testing or other procedures for just the right amount during your pregnancy. You will have to sign the consent form to release your medical records to your OB/Gyn physician.

- Female patients who are or become pregnant may be required to meet more frequently than usual with an SEGTC counselor to develop additional coping strategies due to the added emotional stress generated by a pregnancy. Your health and the health of your unborn child are the primary concerns of Southeast Georgia Treatment Center.
- Although your general medical care should be taken care of by your primary care physician, you may make an appointment with the SEGTC physician if you have a pressing need concerning your methadone treatment. A word of caution though; if you reserve time for an appointment it is critical to keep it or CALL 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE to change it. Recognizing that patient time and physician time is valuable to each, it is only common courtesy to respect the appointment commitment.
- Each patient that is accepted into an SEGTC treatment program will be required to have a blood test, a history and physical evaluation, and to discuss those results with the center's physician.

Urine Drug Screening: Patients who enter into a treatment program at

Southeast Georgia Treatment Center must agree to submit a urine specimen when requested. Urine specimens are checked for temperature. If there is a doubt about the source of the specimen the urine will not be accepted and another specimen will be required before dosing. In order to verify that the urine submitted belongs to you, a same-sex staff member may be required to observe this process. Patients who fail to cooperate are considered in violation of treatment rules and regulations, therefore jeopardizing their enrollment.

- One of the objectives of our treatment program is to eventually have urine containing only approved prescription medications and the methadone dosing level administered through the program.
- SEGTC tests regularly for all drug categories. Patients testing positive for illegal drugs on an ongoing basis place their participation in the program at risk.

Program Identification Card:

All patients enrolled in a Southeast Georgia Treatment Center program will be provided an identification card upon admission to the program. If your card is lost, stolen or misplaced you must report this to your counselor or the receptionists immediately. A new card MUST be issued, and a nominal fee is charged for replacing ID cards. **As a patient of a Methadone Treatment Program, you are required by law to carry your ID card with you at all times. This is for your medical safety and your legal protection.**
