

PROCEDURE TO SECURE ADMISSION OF  
PATIENTS TO ONTARIO HOSPITALS  
FOR THE INSANE.

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(1) Where the property of a patient is sufficient, or his friends are willing to pay the cost of the Medical Examination, the family Physician should apply to the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane, in whose district the patient resides, for the necessary blank forms. These being secured, they should be properly and fully filled in, dated, signed in presence of two witnesses by the medical men in attendance. They are then returned to the Hospital, and if satisfactory, and there is accommodation, advice will be sent at once to have the patient transferred. See R.S.O., Cap. 317, sections 7, 8, 9.

(2) Where the patient has no property, and no friends willing to pay the cost, application should be made to the head of the Municipality where he lives, who, after satisfying himself that the patient is destitute, may order the examination to be made by two physicians, and a similar course to the above is then followed. The Council of the Municipality is liable for all costs incurred, including expenses of travel. See R.S.O., Cap. 317, section 11, subsections 1 and 2.

(3) Where the patient is suspected to be dangerously insane, information should be laid before a Magistrate, who may issue a Warrant for the apprehension of the patient, and if satisfied that he is dangerously insane may commit the patient to the gaol, or some safe place of confinement, and notify the Medical Examiners. The Magistrate should then send to the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, all the information, evidence and certificates of insanity. The costs incurred by this method form a charge against the County, City or Town in which such patient resided. See R.S.O., Cap. 317, sections 12 to 29.