

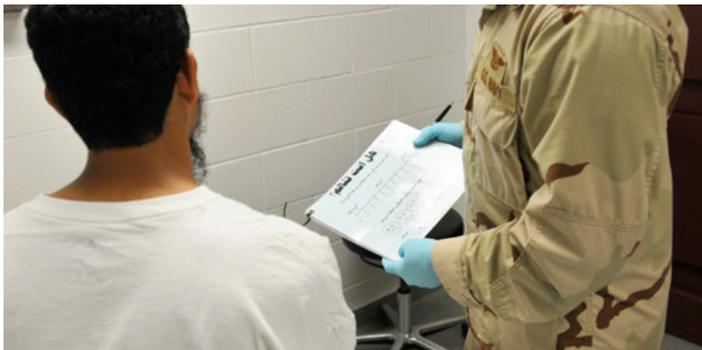
JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO

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MEDICAL CARE



The medical care provided to detainees at GTMO is consistent with medical care given to U.S. service members.

Detainees are treated at a dedicated medical facility with state-of-the-art equipment and an expert medical staff of more than 100 personnel. Joint Medical Group providers administer care to all detainees regardless of disciplinary status, level of cooperation or legal status. JMG operations are completely independent of Joint Detention Group operations.

The medical facility is equipped with 15 inpatient beds, a physical therapy area, pharmacy, radiology department, dental treatment suites, central sterilization area, and a single-bed operating room. More serious medical conditions can be treated at Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay with an operating room. Specialists are available to provide care at GTMO for any medical needs that exceed the capabilities of the Naval Hospital.

Most routine medical care is administered by U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsmen who visit each cellblock daily and/or whenever a detainee requests care. In addition to providing routine medical care, the hospital staff has treated detainees for wounds occurring prior to detention and other pre-existing medical conditions (often unknown to the detainees before their medical treatment at GTMO).

In addition to the detainee hospital, there is a separate facility for dedicated mental health care that includes outpatient and inpatient care. Services include preventive mental health screenings, comprehensive evaluation, individual & group counseling, medication management, and inpatient treatment. Mental health care is available for detainees upon request.

Detainees at GTMO have received immunizations, which most would not have had available to them in their home countries. Some detainees were also provided life-changing care, such as receiving prosthetic limbs.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) visits detainees approximately four to six times a year.

ICRC representatives process mail to and from detainees. On a yearly average, more than 20,000 pieces of mail have been sent to or by detainees at GTMO.

ICRC communications with governments worldwide are based on the principle of confidentiality. For this reason, DoD does not publicly discuss confidential ICRC reports.