



## Medical Care and Medical Ethics at Guantanamo

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One hundred sixty four detainees remain at the Guantanamo detention facility. It is an aging population whose medical issues are increasing in scope and complexity. The purpose of this conference is to identify, analyze and propose solutions to structural and other obstacles that impede physicians' ability to deliver to Guantanamo detainees quality ethical medical care that meets professional standards.

*NOTE: Panelist affiliations for identification purposes only*

<b>8:00am–8:45am</b>		<b>Breakfast &amp; Registration</b>	
East Court	Continental Breakfast		
<b>8:45am–9:00am</b>		<b>Opening Remarks</b>	
Lecture Room	Welcome and Conference Overview		
<b>9:00am–10:20am</b>		<b>The Case of Tarek El Sawah: Presentation and Discussion</b>	
Lecture Room	<p>Mr. El Sawah is a complex patient with multiple life threatening conditions whose health continues to deteriorate. His case raises serious concerns about lack of resources to care for complex medical patients, lack of continuity of care and follow up on recommended evaluations, absence of trust between detainees and military physicians, lack of physician advocacy for patients, and other barriers preventing adequate diagnosis and treatment. A physician who has evaluated Mr. El Sawah multiple times at Guantanamo will present and lead a discussion of his case.</p> <p>Sondra S. Crosby, MD: Associate Professor of Medicine and Public Health Boston University</p> <p>Robert S. Lawrence, MD: Center for a Livable Future Professor Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health</p> <p>John P. May, MD, FACP: Chief Medical Officer Armor Correctional Health Services, Inc.</p> <p>George Annas (Moderator): Co-Founder, Global Lawyers &amp; Physicians Professor, Boston University School of Public Health</p>		

<b>10:40am–12:00pm</b> <i>The Case of Adnan Farhan Abdul Latif: Presentation and Discussion</i>	
Lecture Room	<p>Mr. Latif committed suicide at Guantanamo on September 8, 2012. His case raises serious concerns about the adequacy of procedures for monitoring individuals at risk of harming themselves or others, subordination of medical and psychiatric issues to policies for maintaining good order and discipline, and other barriers to adequate diagnosis and treatment of detainees with serious psychiatric illnesses. A psychiatrist who has reviewed Mr. Latif's medical records will present and lead a discussion of his case.</p> <p>Stephen N. Xenakis, MD: Brigadier General (Ret.), U.S. Army</p> <p>Scott A. Allen, MD, FACP: Clinical Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs UC Riverside School of Medicine</p> <p>David Annas, MD, MPH: Clinical Assistant Professor, Forensic Psychiatry SUNY Upstate Medical University</p> <p>Jeffrey L. Metzner, MD: Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Univ. of Colorado School of Medicine</p> <p>George Annas (Moderator)</p>
<b>12:00pm–12:45pm</b> <i>Lunch</i>	
East Court	
<b>12:45pm–2:00pm</b> <i>Managing Hunger Strikes</i>	
Lecture Room	<p>Physicians, including those who have treated prison hunger strikers, will discuss the medical and ethical implications of managing hunger strikes.</p> <p>Jeremy A. Lazarus, MD: Immediate Past President, American Medical Association</p> <p>Dr. Vivienne Nathanson: Director of Professional Activities, British Medical Association</p> <p>Hans Wolff, MD, MPH: Division of Penitentiary Medicine, Geneva University Hospitals</p> <p>Sondra S. Crosby, MD (Moderator)</p>
<b>2:15pm–4:30pm</b> <i>Charting the Path Forward</i>	
Lecture Room	<p>Physicians, medical ethicists, and national security experts will draw from presentations and discussions earlier in the day to identify areas for reform and propose practical solutions and preventive mechanisms. Significant time will be reserved for questions from and dialogue with conference attendees.</p> <p>Dr. Ronald R. Blanck: Chair, Bd. of Regents. Uniformed Services Univ. of the Health Sciences DO, MACP, LTG (Ret) USA</p> <p>Joseph J. Fins, MD, MACP: Chief, Division of Medical Ethics, Weill Cornell Medical College</p> <p>Virginia Hood, MD: Professor of Medicine, University of Vermont</p> <p>Dr. Vivienne Nathanson: Director of Professional Activities, British Medical Association</p> <p>Marc Sageman, MD, PhD: Forensic Psychiatrist; Consultant on terrorism</p> <p>Albert J. Shimkus, Jr.: Associate Professor, National Security Affairs, Naval War College</p> <p>Stephen N. Xenakis, MD (Moderator)</p>