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Meeting Objectives

- Identify the challenges and opportunities in medical and psychological care of hunger strikers in detention settings.
- Identify the strengths and weaknesses of existing ethical, regulatory, and medical practice standards.
- Develop options for improvements, including articulation of a medical standard of care, use of independent medical evaluations (by both individual physicians and expert committee consultation), training, oversight/chain of command, reporting, and support of the medical profession.
American physicians have not widely criticized medical policies at the Guantanamo Bay detention camp that violate medical ethics. We believe they should. Actions violating medical ethics, medical personnel to help force-feed the hunger strikers.

The ethics standard regarding physician involvement in hunger strikes was probably best articulated by the World Medical Association.
Detainee Treatment
ETHICS ABANDONED
Medical Professionalism and Detainee Abuse in the War on Terror

Institute on Medicine as a Profession, Columbia University
Medical Care and Medical Ethics at Guantanamo

Two Case Studies focusing on the medical care and medical ethics
Tariq Mahmud Ahmad and Adnan Farhan Abd Al Latif Ala’Dini

Prison Hunger Strikes

Practical Approaches to Change Practice