

MEDICAL INTERVENTION FOR HELMINTHIC INFECTIONS SOP: 030
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DETAINEE HOSPITAL GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA	SOP NO: 030
Title: MEDICAL INTERVENTION FOR HELMINTHIC INFECTIONS	Page 1 of 3 Effective Date: 21 Mar 03
SCOPE: Detention Hospital	

REF:

- (a) AFMIC MEDIC CD-ROM
- (b) Control of Communicable Diseases Manual, 17th Edition, 2000

I. PURPOSE:

To establish Detention Hospital policy regarding the initial evaluation of detainees and interventions to treat potential helminthic infections in the detainee population.

II. PROCEDURE:

1. After review of data available found in references (a) and (b) it is reasonable to expect that a number of the detainees will arrive at Detention Hospital with helminthic infections. It is also reasonable to expect that treatment of these helminthic infections may benefit the general health of the detainee population. The improvement in nutritional status could improve wound healing and ability to resist potential infections. Therefore, all detainees will be treated for the potential of helminthic infections. Detainees will have stool collected for ova and parasite screening prior to treatment in order to better assess the epidemiological validity of this treatment protocol.
2. Treatment for potential helminthic infections will consist of a single dose of 400mg of oral albendazole.
3. All detainees will be requested to provide a stool sample for screening for ova and parasites. If the detainee is unable to provide a sample, processing will continue. The screening for ova and parasites is not to collect clinical data on the specific detainee. The screening of the stool specimens for ova and parasites, collected from the subset of detainees able to provide a stool sample, are intended to provide epidemiological validation of the treatment protocol.

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4. Results of the screenings for ova and parasites will be maintained in a database by the Preventive Medicine Detachment. Data will include the percentage of detainees that provide stool samples, and the percentage of samples screened positive for helminthic infections.
5. All medications received by detainees will be entered appropriately in the detainee medical record.

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