

C.M.S. Medical Grievance
(Supplement)

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On 20 December 2K, I signed up for sick-call requesting medication be prescribed for severe arthritis pain (left arm/shoulder). I explained to [the] sick call nurse that on two occasions, that Nitro had relieved most of the pain. And since I had had three heart attacks while in prison, that the problem might be a combination: Cardiac + Arthritis. That I was signing up early so that I would not have to go through the entire long Christmas holidays in severe pain. She then told me to check at pill call.

Upon checking with the 1st and 2nd shift nursing staff, I found out that no medication had been prescribed for me. The 1st shift had either not notified the doctor and related that I not only suffer from inflammatory spinal arthritis, but also a cardiac [condition]. Either it was not transmitted to the doctor - or the doctor simply refused to see me.

I have been prescribed Disalcid for years for my arthritis, that, along with medication I purchase off the prison store, I can keep the pain within bearable limits - most of the time. When the rare occasion comes that I need prescribed pain relief, in the past it was immediately prescribed. Most of the Holman Medical Staff know that my requests are few - and within reason. I do not cry Wolf! Yet for whatever reason(s) my request for medical help [this time] went completely ignored.

In the past, all the doctors associated with C.M.S. never hesitated to prescribe medication for this severe pain, as they well know just how severe it can get: Dr. Cooksey, Dr. Douglas, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Mouton.. They would prescribe Indocin, 800 mg. Motrin or other pain medications. And rest assured, the greatest that has "ever" been associated with C.M.S., Dr. Abraham Mouton, would never knowingly allow any human being to suffer needlessly. This is the major difference between a doctor and a physician.

The Federal Courts have rules, that in medical cases the standard that rises to a Constitutional Violation is: **Indifference to a serious medical need**. I submit, that three heart attacks, inflammatory spinal arthritis and emphysema, which I suffer, that all three would indeed be considered: **A serious medical need**. And to completely ignore any or all of these medical problems, gives rise to a far higher legal standard: **A Callous Indifference**.

The Federal Courts have also rules, that pain and suffering does not need to rise to the standard of Indifference - it only requires the standard of "Needless". I also submit, that I am currently suffering needlessly - A Callous Indifference. Who knows why, maybe for C.M.S. to save a few nickels and dimes (greed) -- or improperly trained personnel, or an incompetent supervisor, or far worse, one using the Medical Position for Retaliation against this complaint, as one nurse told me, "You can bet one thing, you'll

need me before I need you." I ask -- is this ultimate in professionalism isolated to C.M.S. Alabama Operation, or is this C.M.S. Nationwide?

I am compelled to confess, with a few exceptions, the nursing staff here at Holman, is the very best I have seen (since 1989). My complaints are aimed at very few, maybe supervisors, maybe C.M.S. Policy Makers. Millions upon millions of public dollars pay for adequate and proper medical care -- it "should" be provided, and "**needless**" pain and suffering should never be the norm.

I respectfully request, that if C.M.S. and its staff (Agents) will not, or refuse to provide medication to ease this severe pain of which I suffer, that I be allowed to obtain proper medication from a private physician, have it delivered to C.M.S. Agents, and these Agents dispense the medication.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Swiney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'P'.

Patrick Swiney