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The Prison Environment

How will 'Little Scandinavia' experiment play out in U.S. prisons?



SCIENCE | Online – 19 March 2025 – When it comes to prison systems, the U.S. stands apart from other countries... Incarceration rates are sky-high, and critics charge the U.S. prison environment is particularly dehumanizing, contributing to poor health among those locked up... In a rethinking of what U.S. incarceration should look like, there's growing interest in importing and testing features of Scandinavian prison systems, which focus on rehabilitation and successful reintegration into society after release. One unique study run by Norwegian and U.S. researchers, designed to set up and test a "Little Scandinavia" within a Pennsylvania prison, is now expanding to three new sites in the state. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/4j24HW3>

N.B. Other states, including California, North Dakota, Oregon and Washington, are incorporating Scandinavian features into their prisons. **BRA**

Prisoner with no legs was cuffed at hospital



(U.K.) | Online – 10 March 2025 – A prisoner with no legs who was dying of cancer was taken to hospital cuffed to HMP Durham staff unnecessarily, in a move described by a watchdog as "shocking." William Dawson, 73, was in a wheelchair for the visit, having had both his legs amputated. An investigation into his death by the Prisons & Probation Ombudsman said he had "severely limited mobility" and said the decision to cuff him via a long metal cable was "unjustified and not in line with the policy framework."^{1,2} When prisoners are taken out on escorted trips, prisons must fill out a risk assessment form to justify their decision on whether to use cuffs. The form did not note that Dawson had no legs, and noted no medical objection to restraints. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/4hozcnC>

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1. 'Fatal Incident Report – William Dawson,' Prisons & Probation Ombudsman,' February 2025. **Download at:** <https://bit.ly/4iFd8Gm>
2. 'The Prevention of Escape: External Escorts,' Ministry of Justice & HM Prison & Probation Service (2024). **Download at:** <https://bit.ly/4ieQdlv>

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'Pregnant women "cuffed to male officers while in labour,"' *Inside Time (U.K.)* | Online – 4 March 2025 – The Ministry of Justice is investigating claims by female prisoners at HMP Bronzefield that they were handcuffed to male officers during labour, antenatal appointments, and intimate vaginal examinations. One woman said she was cuffed for 48 hours while in labour, sometimes to male staff. One woman who was being held on remand ... whilst pregnant said that she was "doubled over" having contractions whilst "sobbing" and begged for the officers to remove the handcuffs. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/41S1hiJ>

Tennessee Department of Correction will offer more accommodations for deaf incarcerated people...



WPLN NEWS (U.S.) | Online – 6 March 2025 – A settlement marks the conclusion of a lawsuit filed in 2020 by Disability Rights Tennessee and three deaf incarcerated men that alleged Tennessee Department of Correction (TDoC) was violating the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act by failing to provide communication for deaf inmates. Under the terms of the settlement, TDoC said it would provide interpreters for crucial interactions like intake and orientation, medical appointments, educational programming, and disciplinary proceedings. The department will also provide videophones at every facility housing deaf prisoners, as well as intake facilities, so deaf people can communicate via sign language. TDoC says it will screen incoming prisoners and older prisoners... **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/3R2ghnT>

[Aging Prison Population](#)

Calls for elderly inmates in Scotland's prisons to be moved

THE HERALD (U.K.) | Online – 4 April 2025 – Campaigners are calling on the government to move older inmates into "less secure units" as the number of over 70s behind bars trebles. Prison reform group Howard League Scotland said it is "high time" to move older people into "more suitable environments" as they said the ability to provide social care is becoming "extremely difficult" in the ageing prison estate. The call comes as the older prisoner population is increasing – the number of people aged over 50 in Scottish prisons nearly doubling and the number of over 70s trebling in the past ten years. Last year, there were around 507 prisoners aged over 60 – an increase of 56 in comparison to the year before and a rise of 284 in the last year. **Download article at:** <https://bit.ly/449ERen>

Aging prison population strains corrections budget



OKLAHOMA WATCH (U.S.) | Online – 25 March 2025 – Nearly one in six Oklahoma prisoners was 55 or older as of 31 December [2024]... While the state has made progress in reducing its overall prison population, this demographic of aging inmates has doubled since 2009 and almost quadrupled since 2000. The elderly population, which is more prone to chronic health conditions than the general public, is stretching the state's corrections budget and prompting officials to rethink core healthcare functions... Criminal justice reform advocates say there are methods to safely reduce the aging population, including requiring parole boards to consider a person's age and health as a mitigating factor and making the post-release placement process more efficient. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/4j2D5QJ>



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Agequake in Prison

INSTITUTE FOR BIOMEDICAL ETHICS, University of Basel (**Switzerland**) | Online – 18 March 2025 – *Aging in Prison* explores the topic from multiple perspectives... It sheds light on the challenges of long-term incarceration in facilities originally designed for young, able-bodied individuals with shorter stays. The video underscores key concerns related to this aging population, primarily composed of individuals from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds, who often face complex medical needs, limited financial resources, and minimal support networks. Additionally, it critically examines current prison standards, assessing their effects on healthy aging, appropriate housing, and broader public safety implications. **Access German language video at:** <https://bit.ly/4bQf1hw>

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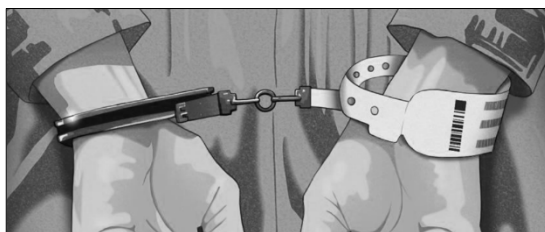
Exploring the perceptions between ageing and mortality in selected prison facilities in Ghana

DISCOVER GLOBAL SOCIETY | Online – 17 March 2025 – This study examined older persons and mortality among older prisoners in Ghanaian prisons, focusing on the relationships between older persons and mortality, the factors contributing to mortality, and the forms of care available to older inmates. The findings reveal a complex interplay between age-related vulnerabilities and the structural conditions of Ghanaian prisons, highlighting significant challenges in addressing the health and well-being of older inmates. The study revealed the link between older persons and increased mortality risks in prison, as older inmates face greater challenges with underlying health conditions and limited adaptability to prison life. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/4kRIEnU>

[Prison Healthcare Services](#)

How should we better express respect for surgical patients who are incarcerated?

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION JOURNAL OF ETHICS, 2025;27(4):E237-301 (**U.S.**). This issue of the journal explores ethics questions unique to surgical patients who are incarcerated. First, it is important to understand the working infrastructure – in particular, the historical relationship between safety net hospitals and prison systems – to provide ethical care. Second, contributing authors aim to explore the nuances of maintaining patient privacy, dignity, and autonomy for medical decision-making. They also discuss the inclusion of patients who are incarcerated in ethical medical research and in education of surgical trainees. With a deep and intentional understanding of ethical questions arising during surgical care and follow-up, surgical communities can provide more equitable and dignified care for imprisoned populations. **Contents page:** <https://bit.ly/3E2PTrd>



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‘The correctional nursing workforce crisis: An innovative solution to meet the challenge,’ *Journal of Correctional Health Care* (**U.S.**) | Online – 20 March 2025 – The aim of this article is to review factors contributing to the nursing workforce crisis that also affect the specialty of correctional nursing, and describe an innovative programmatic approach to this crisis that includes translational strategies specific to recruitment and retention. A gap analysis led to a 4-phase framework identifying the career pathway for correctional nurses with a focus on recruitment and retention. **Abstract:** <https://bit.ly/4kELZip>

“Looking back to look forward”: Evaluation of a leadership program for prison staff designed to promote public health-focused culture change in U.S. prisons,’ *International Journal of Prison Health* | Online – 17 March 2025 – Prisons are associated with poor health outcomes for incarcerated people and correctional staff. Efforts to remedy harmful prison conditions typically focus on litigation, legislation and administrative policy changes; however, implementing these top-down mandates is often impeded by cultural barriers among prison staff. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/41WLwpy>

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'North Carolina prisons struggle to meet healthcare demands amid rising costs, staff shortages,' *North Carolina Health News (U.S.)* | Online – 11 March 2025 – The Department of Adult Correction is constitutionally required to provide medical, mental and dental healthcare to the roughly 31,000 people in North Carolina's 53 prisons. However, providing this healthcare comes with a growing price tag... Healthcare costs totaled \$429.1 million – or about one-quarter of the Department of Adult Correction's annual budget of about \$2 billion – during the fiscal year 2023-2024. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/43FbgJB>

'The legal framework for correctional healthcare,' *Correctional Health Care Report*, 2025;26(1):9-14 (U.S.). Part I [of this article] explains the underlying legal theory that established a constitutional right to healthcare for inmates, the legislative void this constitutional theory filled, and subsequent legislative efforts to better define... the right to healthcare. It lays out the mandated standards of care providers must meet, including adequate staffing, bed space, and access to care. Part II addresses issues of informed consent, confidentiality [etc., etc.]... **Abstract:** <https://bit.ly/3QUK6H1>

Moldova prison staff better equipped to address health needs of prisoners

COUNCIL OF EUROPE | Online – 3 April 2025 – First group of staff members from 13 penitentiary institutions of the Republic of Moldova were trained on medical examination upon admission, on documenting and reporting ill-treatment, and on managing individual medical files... The training covered ... screening for mental health issues, drug use, infectious diseases that increase vulnerability of these inmates, and the risk of discrimination and ill-treatment. The training brought together medical and non-medical staff, encouraging a multidisciplinary approach, better communication, and cooperation among various professional groups involved in prison healthcare. [With] discussion and case studies, participants learned to overcome barriers related to interprofessional communication... **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/4cneKmq>

Who cares?: The burdens of care borne by the loved ones of incarcerated men



PUNISHMENT & SOCIETY, 2025;27(2):380-398 (Canada). The labor and associated challenges of providing informal care have been characterized as constituting a burden of care (BoC). Despite the analytical value this concept has demonstrated in studies of nursing, psychiatry, and health administration, researchers have overlooked this phenomenon in the context of incarceration. The BoC arises when caregivers compensate for the correctional system's (real or perceived) failed responsibility to fulfill the basic needs of incarcerated people... The authors suggest ways to promote less onerous carceral and reintegrative terms by reducing the unmet needs of incarcerated people and, by extension, the BoC that caregivers bore. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/4lhxU2t>

Out of sight, out of mind: Investing in prison primary healthcare to target vulnerable groups



AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF GENERAL PRACTICE, 2025;54(4):234-235 (Australia). People who reside in prison are drawn from the most vulnerable groups in society and have disproportionately poor physical, mental and social well-being. They are drawn from the most vulnerable in society, coming from backgrounds of social disadvantage, poor health and trauma. Their incarceration creates a moral imperative to improve their health, which is also an opportunity to generate a health and financial benefit for society. General practitioners are in an ideal place to assist in the stabilising of the health of those in custody and maintenance of the health of those released from prison. Not investing in primary care for justice-involved people is an unused opportunity. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/42hBnE1>

Interesting Reads You Might Have Missed

'Palliative care in Australian prisons,' Department of Health & Aged Care, Australian Government (June 2023). Proposed National Framework for palliative care, including development of national policies, a clinical service model of care, and a toolkit of resources. <https://bit.ly/3QZF19Y>

'Standards for health services in Australian prisons,' Palliative Care Australia and the Australian & New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine (May 2022). Response to draft of *Standards for Health Services in Australian Prisons* developed by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. <https://bit.ly/4lbw9Cv>

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'Medicare in prisons an essential human right,' *Independent Australia* | Online – 24 March 2025 – Advocating for Medicare in prisons is an important and often overlooked issue in the broader healthcare debate. Many incarcerated individuals have significant healthcare needs, yet they often don't have adequate access to necessary medical services. Medicare could be a key part of addressing these challenges, but there are several points to consider: prevalence of chronic conditions, ageing inmate population, cost-effective for taxpayers, and humanitarian considerations. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/41UBXys>

'Health and incarceration research in Australia: A scoping review,' *The Lancet* (Regional Health) | Online – 17 March 2025 – This review synthesised research reporting on the health of people who experience incarceration in Australia, highlighting both the progress made and the significant gaps that persist in understanding the health needs of this highly marginalised population. Targeted, equity-oriented research and investment are essential to inform effective, evidence-driven health policies and interventions that reduce disparities and improve outcomes... **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/4hJH3fM>

Systemic failures in Dutch women's prisons leave inmates without critical medical care

NL TIMES (The Netherlands) | Online – 30 March 2025 – Medical neglect is a persistent and widespread issue in Dutch women's prisons, according to Bureau Clara Wichmann. The organization ... collected testimony from more than 50 current and former female prisoners, exposing a pattern of severe healthcare failure. One of the most dangerous flaws in the system ... is that prison guards – not medical professionals – determine whether an inmate's health issue is serious enough to warrant treatment. Dutch prison system operates under a policy of providing only "medically necessary" care – defined as treatment that cannot be postponed. This vague standard allows cost-saving measures to override basic medical needs... **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/4462pRj>

The quality of care in correctional facilities in low- and middle-income countries during the COVID-19 pandemic: A scoping review of literature

JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY IN AFRICA (South Africa) | Online – 25 March 2025 – Practice structure and care are important for offenders and service providers to enhance their coping strategies during pandemics such as COVID-19. If not managed successfully, it may lead to a lack of facilities, overcrowding, and a shortage of human resources to care for offenders. The unprepared release of offenders may lead to offenders not being ready to reintegrate and reconcile with their communities. Results [of this review] highlighted the urgency of improving correctional facilities' preparations for pandemics which would help avoid emergency reaction. The quality of mental healthcare for those who are incarcerated during future pandemics such as COVID-19 must be attended to. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/425aJyk>

Peoples' Equality & Democracy Party lawmaker slams authorities for disregarding inmates' lack of access to proper healthcare

(Türkiye) | Online – 21 March 2025 – Ömer Faruk Gergerlioğlu has criticized Turkish authorities for their disregard of inadequate medical care in prisons... Gergerlioğlu ... said some sick inmates were denied treatment even though official records falsely indicated they had received care. Although inmates submitted complaints to the Kayseri Provincial Health Directorate regarding these violations, they never received a response. The denial of medical care and humane conditions to inmates and detainees in Türkiye has become a recurring issue... Chronic overcrowding, inadequate resources and poor infrastructure in prisons exacerbate the problem, leaving inmates – particularly those with severe illnesses – without access to critical treatment. Despite international standards requiring proper healthcare for prisoners, systemic neglect remains pervasive in Türkiye's penal system. **Full text** <https://bit.ly/4itMq47>

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Landmark report on supporting loved ones in prison with health issues



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PRISON ADVICE & CARE TRUST (U.K.) | Online – 11 March 2025 – Families' stories can be challenging to read. Their experiences often reflect deep distress, trauma, and feelings of powerlessness. However, about one-third of families with experience of prison healthcare share positive feedback, even if they have mixed experiences. They value the positive work of prison healthcare teams and the care they provide to their loved ones. Seemingly small actions can have a significant impact on families' overall experiences. Nearly half of families [however] report entirely negative experiences. The impact of prison life on health and wellbeing is profound, with families' challenges often spanning healthcare, prison, and community boundaries. **Download PACT's '1,500 Voices' report at:** <https://bit.ly/3Fic2SV>



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'Addressing the ethical and legal complexities of hospital visitation restrictions for patients who are incarcerated,' *Journal of Hospital Medicine (U.S.)* | Online – 10 March 2025 – There is a lack of standard and transparent visitation policies for hospitalized patients who are incarcerated. The recommendations for visitation of patients who are incarcerated provided in this article provide guidance for setting ethical and just visitation policies that respect the patient, their surrogate, and the clinical care team while balancing the responsibilities of the carceral system. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/4lcsA2>

Cancer in English prisons: A mixed-methods study of diagnosis, treatment, care costs and patient and staff experiences

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE DELIVERY RESEARCH, 2025;13(3):1-51 (U.K.). The increasing size of the ageing English prison population means that non-communicable diseases such as cancer are being more commonly diagnosed in this setting. This is the first national study to investigate this topic with the aim of informing prison cancer practice, policy and research. Three core themes were identified: control and choice, communication, and care and custody. People in prison ... experienced barriers including lower health literacy, a complex process for booking general practitioner appointments, and communication issues both between prison staff and with National Health Service clinicians involved in cancer care. **Download full text (click on pdf icon) at:** <https://bit.ly/4hhZwQt>

Cancer care in prison is complex, not least because people in prison move between a patient and a prison environment. Tensions between control and choice in prison healthcare impacted patients' experiences of cancer care in terms of the diagnostic process, symptom management, accessing information about their illness, and the involvement of family in their care. The initial policy priorities identified by prison and cancer stakeholders ... are to improve understanding between prison and cancer clinical teams to improve patient care, develop the role of "health champions" in prison, and raise health literacy and awareness of both cancer screening and cancer symptoms in prison.



ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING (U.K.) | Online – 14 March 2025 – Today, nurses play a vital role in prison healthcare. At the heart of their work is "equitable care" – ensuring that people in prison receive the same quality of healthcare as those in the community. However, as recently as 30 years ago, many prisoners would never have encountered a registered nurse. This exhibition explores the fascinating history of healthcare in prisons, from the work of early reformers ... to the vital contribution that nurses make to prisoner health today. **Summary:** <https://bit.ly/3R9qa3c>

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Patient's surrogate medical decision-maker

Addressing the ethical and legal complexities of hospital visitation restrictions for patients who are incarcerated

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JOURNAL OF HOSPITAL MEDICINE (U.S.) | Online – 10 March 2025 – While visitation is important for emotional and psychological support of hospitalized patients, it is crucial for patients who lack capacity. When a patient lacks capacity, a surrogate is responsible for making their medical decisions. While this is a daunting task under any circumstance, visitation policies play a significant role in the process of surrogate medical decision-making because in-person visits allow the surrogate to communicate and form a relationship with the patient's clinical care team, as well as with the patient for whom they are making decisions. The relationship between the surrogate and the physician or clinical care team is crucial for ensuring that the surrogate can uphold the patient's autonomy... **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/4ilcsA2>

Prison service told to ensure do not resuscitate decisions reflect “consent” of prisoners

IRISH EXAMINER (Ireland) | Online – 9 March 2025 – The Irish Prison Service has been told to ensure that do not resuscitate decisions for prisoners reflect “the free and informed consent” of the persons involved following the death of an inmate at a Dublin prison. The instruction came from the Office of the Inspector of Prisons (OIP) after an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of the 63-year-old prisoner in question. The OIP recommended that prison staff should “take active steps” to verify that any prisoner returning from hospital with such a decision had given “free and informed consent” to that decision, and that all information relating to the issue “should be fully documented” within the prison healthcare medical system. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/3Fpzrl3>

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Southern Queensland Correctional Centre inspection report



(Australia) | Online – 19 March 2025 – Palliative care (PC) can be provided in any location, including a prison. According to the Office of Prisoner Health & Wellbeing's statement on the provision of end-of-life care for people in prison and in the community corrections system PC includes the prevention and relief of suffering, communication about the patient's goals-of-care, and the early identification, assessment and treatment of physical, psychological, emotional, social and spiritual symptoms. Queensland Health, through its prison health services, works with patients and their support people regarding needs and wishes. Depending on the circumstances, the patient may need to be referred to specialist PC services or other hospital services. **Access report at:** <https://bit.ly/4c4HxMB>

N.B. The Southern Queensland Correctional Centre is a women's correctional facility. Scroll down to 'The centre manages the needs of terminally ill prisoners' (p.92).

Institutional thoughtlessness: Prison as a place for dying



BRISTOL UNIVERSITY PRESS (U.K.) | Online – 21 March 2025 – This chapter [of *Deaths and Institutions*] highlights the humanity of those dying in this institutional setting and to show how prisons are challenging environments with complicated bureaucratic rules and power dynamics. These rules and dynamics are not always consistent with the needs of dying prisoners and can result in “institutional thoughtlessness.” Dying people in prison also challenge assumptions about whose life is deemed “grieveable” and who is deserving of care and access to a so-called “good death.” Prison as an institution shapes the way people think and feel about death and dying in these environments, and with a growing and ageing prison population globally, these issues around life and death deserve... **Summary:** <https://bit.ly/439vWcv>

Grief & Bereavement

Understanding grief and loss in correctional facilities

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(U.S.) – Accessed 12 March 2025 – When people experience a significant loss, many will have a subsequent reaction called grief. People in custody may experience the same losses as anyone else. However, they may experience additional losses related to being incarcerated. This affects their experience of loss and grief. As a correctional officer, you will meet and supervise people in custody who are experiencing loss and grief. The goal of this course is to provide correctional officers working in adult jails or prisons with information regarding loss and grief among people in custody and strategies for responding to them effectively. **Course summary:** <https://bit.ly/3FreNBq>

Compassionate Release

National Legal Services Authority petitions supreme court for compassionate release of elderly, terminally-ill prisoners

LAW TREND (India) | Online – 5 April 2025 – The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has taken a significant step by petitioning the Supreme Court to intervene in the release of elderly and terminally prisoners across India. This plea underscores the harsh realities faced by these vulnerable groups within the prison system and seeks to align their release with both constitutional mandates and international human rights standards. In a detailed press note, NALSA highlighted the increase in the number of aged and infirm prisoners who are languishing in jails under conditions that often lack sufficient medical care and fail to provide dignified living standards. The authority emphasized that the prolonged incarceration of these individuals contravenes their fundamental rights... **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/43Zm9X5>

N.B. See ‘Special Campaign for Old Prisoners & Terminally Ill Prisoners,’ National Legal Services Authority (March 2025). <https://bit.ly/3YhzdTK>

Department of Justice pushes “revolutionized” prison system

DAILY TRIBUNE (Philippines) | Online – 26 March 2025 – The Department of Justice (DoJ) ... [is] to develop more compassionate and humane justice for persons deprived of liberty (PDLs). This comes as the DoJ hosted a high-level conference themed ‘Beyond Bars: Healing Lives Through Compassionate Release and Medical Parole.’ In collaboration with the Medical Action Group, the DoJ aims ... to address pressing issues affecting the country’s inmates, particularly the elderly, sickly and severely disabled, in relation to jail congestion and serious medical conditions. Specifically, the goals of the initiative include formulating policy recommendations, crafting technical guidelines, and establishing a post-release framework for the rehabilitation and reformation of PDLs. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/3DYkoP5>



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Cases show medical care under scrutiny at Federal Bureau of Prisons

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FORBES (U.S.) | Online – 13 March 2025 – The Bureau of Prisons (BoP) operates 120 institutions, including seven federal medical centers (FMCs). While each facility offers medical care ... staffing shortages remain a persistent issue. A 2024 report concluded that FMC Devens, for example, had “serious issues” in providing adequate healthcare to inmates.¹ Federal inmates may apply for compassionate release, historically reserved for those with terminal illnesses and a life expectancy of only months. However, courts have expanded its use in cases where the BoP cannot provide adequate care. The process begins with an administrative request by the inmate to the BoP, which, in most cases, is denied.... Even with BoP support, only a federal judge can grant compassionate release... **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/3DtdqI3>

On aging and dying in captivity

INQUEST (U.S.) | Online – 13 March 2025 – *Working as a porter in the infirmary, I saw a prisoner in his twenties spend his last days in hospice care... Doctors had given him six months to live, but he had thirteen months left on his sentence. It surprised me that the state insisted on him dying in custody. I assumed he lacked resources and offered to help. But his situation wasn't a product of insufficient advocacy. He'd applied for a compassionate release. The response from the Department of Corrections was that he was still physically capable of committing a crime. His application was denied.* **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/3DKcfOa>

1. 'Inspection of the Bureau of Prison's Federal Medical Center Devens,' Department of Justice (Office of the Inspector General), December 2024. **Download the report at:** <https://bit.ly/4iplUbp>

Related:

'Maryland Senate passes compassionate parole release as House prepares for vote,' *The Daily Record (U.S.)* | Online – 13 March 2025 – The Maryland Senate voted ... to expand geriatric and medical parole opportunities for prison inmates, marking a significant step for an issue that has received support from both state prosecutors and the Office of the Public Defender. Maryland law allows for geriatric and medical parole... Between 2013 and 2022, however, the Maryland Parole Commission approved fewer than 150 medical parole requests and denied more than 450... **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/4bT5ru5>

'Michigan allows more releases for medically frail prisoners,' *Prison Legal News (U.S.)* | Online – 15 February 2025 – Michigan prisoners considered medically frail now have a better chance of early release under a newly amended law. Senate Bill 599 expands the definition of “medically frail” in a 2019 statute that allows the Michigan Parole Board to release prisoners whose health has deteriorated to the point where they no longer pose a significant threat to public safety. The revised law should result in more paroles, particularly of prisoners who are terminally ill. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/3Dqk1wF>



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