

## "On Prison Health Care"

When it comes to prison health care, the best way to describe it is by an old axiom true: "Galen says 'yea'", Hippocrates says "nay" (e.g. doctors and nurses disagree over what types of aid to render up for lorn hepes; and will not follow the orders of free-world physicians; but instead follow their own initiatives). Basically here's the dille: the only good inmate is a dead... inmate.

Financially speaking the cost of prison health care is astronomical as it is lathed by corruption, inadequate protocols utilized by states and health providers to make sure less money is spent for an inmate who is elderly, terminally ill, medically incapacitated. The cost of one's healthy state doesn't cost states much but - if ~~she~~ he/she is terminally ill, elderly, medically incapacitated (or



facing death within a year or years), then the medical costs shoot big time through the roof. And many prisons across the country I have found out it's creating such an everwid up on their financial budgets.

To be in poor medical health or having a terminal illness or if you're elderly, unfortunately facing the way of all the earth in a year's time (or in the future) is stressful enough. But to put in "sick-call" forms (e.g. forms one fills out to be seen by unit medical staffs (commonly lovingly and aptly referred to as Empirics) who lack medical knowledge of what the person's afflicted with, and... who refuse to render proper medical care, or follow the guidelines free-world hospitals or doctors prescribe amounts to sheer insanity.



Of which is why most inmates develop iatrophobia because that particular nurse or doctor (if he/she is actually such) is quite adept in decidophobia. And to put insult up injury, some states charge a fee, whenever an inmate puts in a "sick-call" form be it for any medical reason or dental case (Arkansas charges \$3.00. If one has a chronic illness he/she is not supposed to be charged a fee).

Because of such, many inmates refuse ("no-shows") to go to the prison infirmaries because they know they're not going to be... Consideration up their particular medical crisis that's afflicting them. And as a result (here in Arkansas - just started 2 1/2 weeks ago) these forebarn hopes are written up ("major <sup>AD</sup> disciplinarys") up for not coming in to be seen by soulless temperics who don't give an owl's heat in Hades



about them.

Now a lot of you have heard that if a doctor or nurse gets their medical license snatched (revoked) or is placed on probation, he/she will be hired by any jail/prison. This is **TRUE**. All across America prisons and jails have many on staff who have had their medical licenses revoked, placed on probation or were fired altogether. So what better way for these emperics to work in an environment for them than America's corrupt prison system?!!

Just as honey's net for an ass's mouth, these emperics turn deaf ears up the cries of the forlorn hopes who have fastidious medical problems. And their employers, whatever medical provider firm that hires these cataians, are just as guilty.



They have one main objective: Spend less money on someone who needs direct medical attention for (to reiterate) the only good inmate is a dead inmate. *Io, die mie!* Is there no balm in Gilead for such Carthaginian faith?? Both the medical provider and the crooked emperics they employ are guilty. In their eyes it's *Ja Diemeda'n* exchange: Each trying to cut *Hesad-Hesad* and both like *digna canis pabull*.

Prison medical care with its use of emperics is nothing but *je ne sais quoi* that even the Bard observed quite keenly:

"I've must not/se stain our judgement, or corrupt our hope/te prostitute our past-care malady/te emperics."

(All's Well That Ends Well,  
Act 3, Scene 1.)