

Corizon Horror Stories

Below is a sampling of just a few of the reported injuries suffered by people at the hands of Corizon. Are these the horrors to which we want to subject the men and women at our jails? Is this the type of "care" on which we want to spend DC tax dollars? These stories are the #StuffOfNightmares.

Corizon Pours Sugar into a Woman's C-Section Instead of Using Antibiotics

- Clip on John Oliver's "Last Week Tonight:" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7vrwi0PzH0>
- Al-Jazeera America's original story on the incident and other major failures of Corizon in Arizona state prisons: <http://america.aljazeera.com/watch/shows/america-tonight/america-tonight-blog/2013/12/2/arizona-s-privatizedprisonhealthcareunderfireafterdeaths.html>

Man with Mental Illness Dies after Being Left for Days in 4-Point Restraints in a 106 Degree Cell

A 20 year old man in Michigan diagnosed with cardiovascular problems and manic-depressive disorder was experiencing psychosis when he was shackled to a table by his arms and legs in 4-point restraints. He was left shackled and naked in a 106 degree cell for four days before he died. Corizon staff knew he was being held this way in isolation, but he was never once seen by a doctor. <http://www.documentcloud.org/documents/1312043-class-action-michigan-2-timothy-sauders-monitor.html>

U. Va. Doctor Says Discharging Cancer Patient to Corizon's Care Is Unethical and Unsafe

Debbie Daley had to wait 8 months after being diagnosed with colorectal cancer to receive treatment because of scheduling mistakes and transportation cancellations by Corizon. When she finally made it to University of Virginia Hospital doctors found her febrile, septic, and in great pain due to a cancer-related infection. Ms. Daley's doctor was so concerned about this medical neglect that she called the U. Va. Ethics Consult Service for guidance, and refused to discharge Ms. Daley back to Corizon unless they agreed to prompt provision of quality services in the future. See Order Granting Partial Mot. Summ. J., *Scott v. Clark*, No. 3:12-CV-00036 (W.D.Va., filed Nov. 25, 2014).

Inmate Reported That His Guts Came Out of His Rectum and His Legs Were Numb, Nurse Not Allowed to Make Decision to Send Him to the Hospital Because "Foolish" Emergency Trips "Cost... So Much Money"

Prison Health Services, which was merged into Corizon, told nurses at this Florida prison that only doctors could make the decision to send an inmate to the hospital unless "you can see that they're dying any minute." The nurse ordered Tylenol and manually pushed the inmate's anus back into his body. The inmate, Brett Fields waited three days to go to the hospital, a wait that left him partially paralyzed in both legs.

<http://www.documentcloud.org/documents/1344106-suit-brett-fields-1-v-phs-corizon-amended.html>;
<http://www.documentcloud.org/documents/1284161-03-16-11-fields-v-scott2.html>

Corizon Nurse Alleged to Withhold Food, Water, and Dialysis Treatments from Inmates She Didn't Like

Authorities at Idaho State Correctional Institution were aware of the situation for several months and did nothing. <http://www.documentcloud.org/documents/1311878-balla-sp-master-report-1.html#document/p12/a181906>

Man's Testicle a Swollen "Open Wound" From MRSA Infection, Corizon's Lack of Treatment Leads to Death

Andre Ward was given an ice pack and an anti-biotic. Over the next month, staff at this Oregon prison failed to note critical vital signs or even conduct a personal physical exam. Because of the delay and denial in medical care Ward developed bilateral pneumonia, and only then was he admitted to the hospital. It was too late: Ward died fourteen days later. <http://www.documentcloud.org/documents/1283386-oregon-cor-bleeding-testicle.html>

The Palm Beach Post has collected a vast amount information on Corizon from their contract bids, audits, and lawsuits which can be found at <http://www.mypalmbeachpost.com/dying-for-care-documents/>.