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## Former hostage tells a chilling tale at VietNow event

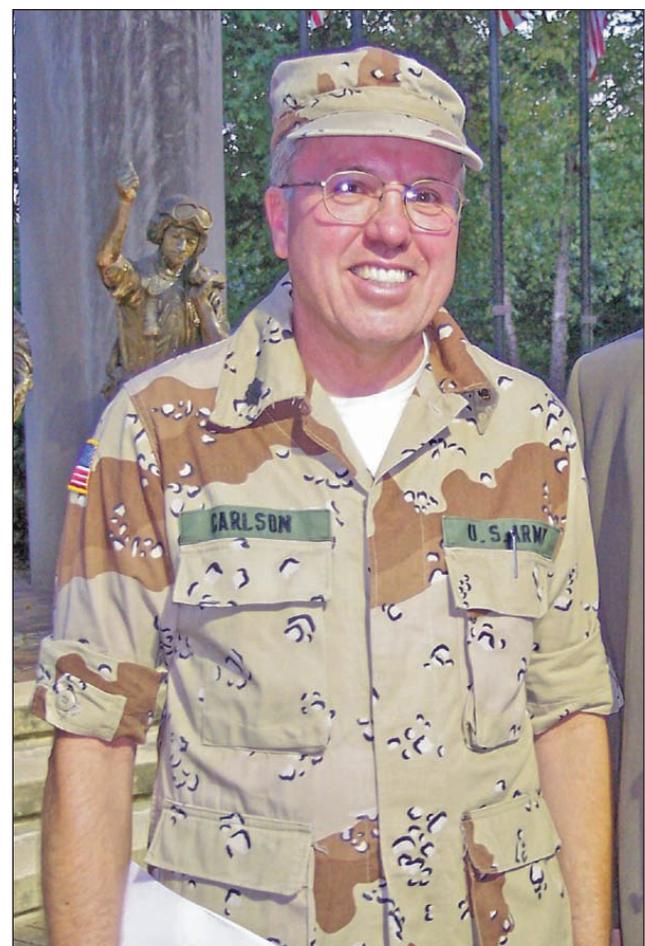
Presented by Kurt Carlson

It's an honor to be here with soldiers and citizens that will not rest until those missing in action and prisoners of war are returned and accounted for. The great sacrifice of our soldiers and their families for our country and freedom, deserve our vigilance. Today, our soldiers in action around the world need the assurance that they will return home and not be left behind. The morale and effectiveness of our fighting force depends on it.

I know that many of you have heard me tell my story before or even read my book, "One American Must Die." Tonight I'm going to talk about the battle that the Navy Dive Team and I fought to survive aboard TWA Flight 847, and as prisoners in a subterranean cell in West Beirut. I will conclude with our battle after our release to heal, both physically and mentally, to bring the Terrorists to Justice, and to join the U.S. Government in their efforts to win the war against Terror from Iran, Syria, and Lebanon.

It all started when I was returning home from an Army Mission in Egypt on June 14, 1985. Our plane, TWA Flight 847 was hijacked leaving Athens, Greece by two Hezbollah terrorists - Ali Homadi - code name Castro and L Issadene. Both were experienced terrorists hired and trained by Iran for the mission. Castro was a bomber - a demolition expert who had blown up and killed many Westerners. Issadene was an assassin who had murdered over 100 western government people and conducted at least three previous hijackings. Mugniah, head of the Hizballah, planned the operation. He had also planned the bombings of the Marine Barracks and U.S. Embassy in Beirut. And later - after Desert Storm, the bombings in Saudi Arabia, Africa, Yemen, and 9/11 for the Al Qaeda. Last winter he was

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Margaret Downing photo  
VietNow held its annual POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at the Field of Honor in Loves Park on Sept. 19. Keynote speaker was former hostage, area businessman Kurt Carlson, Commander LTC (retired).



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# ★ Hostage

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finally killed by a car bomb in Damascus, Syria.

\* Passport Check: The hijackers identified the military onboard by checking passports. The Navy Divers traveled with ID cards and the hijacker found my official red passport.

\* Deadlines: On the first stop in Beirut - the hijackers used Robert Stethem, a Navy Diver, as the pawn for the fuel. Robert was clubbed with a steel pipe and cut with razor blades and wire, which stopped after an hour when the plane was finally refueled. He was dumped in a corner of the plane and left to die.

Our next stop was to be Algiers. We landed in Algiers at 2:30 p.m. Temperature on the ground was 130 degrees. The plane stopped at the end of the runway, and we sat with no air conditioning or ventilation. I felt a tap on my ear from the 9-millimeter pistol and was marched up to the front of the plane.

\* "My Experience" (some thoughts and memories):

1. Check for I.D.
2. Tied and blindfolded - cockpit floor
3. John Testrake - Tower - fuel - stalling to negotiate to free women and elderly passengers
4. Blow on the shoulders
5. Prayer - pain
6. Fifteen-minute deadline - one American must die and then another
7. Roman Legion
8. Twenty-third Psalm - I will walk through the Valley of Death.
9. Kia - Hua

10. Uli hid bag of torture tools
11. Four ten-minute deadlines - altogether almost two hours
12. Last deadline - blows to head
13. Open door
14. Ten minutes - prayer
15. Death - (I) will to live - vision
16. Awakening - new deadline - plan to survive - kicked and blindfolded
17. Fuel comes

We left Algiers and headed back to Beirut. As we approached Beirut it was late at night; everything including the airport was blacked out; and the runways were blocked with vehicles. Robert Stethem and I were still in the front area of the plane. Hijacker wanted one of us moved back with the rest of the passengers. Uli Derrickson asked me if I would move back into the main cabin - Robert was still bleeding. Airport refused to turn on lights or move vehicles. Airplane instruments were out, and we couldn't find the airport - plane was running out of fuel. Hijackers ordered Testrake to crash the plane in East Beirut or Tel Aviv. He refused. Hijackers shot Robert.

Captain Testrake notified the tower; Lights were turned on and runway was cleared. We landed - stopped on the taxiway and the hijackers dumped Robert out onto the Tarmac. They wanted the pilot to run over his body. He steered around him. The terrorists put four Navy Divers and myself in the rear seats of the plane. Shiite militia stormed the plane - up the rear staircase - and we were hauled out and driven in a three-fourths ton (truck) to a jail cell in Beirut.

1. Cell conditions - no toilet - hole in floor - water pipe - bad water - dys-

entery, intense heat - filth - insects and rodents, ants, giant mosquitoes, rats, iguanas, concrete floor - one barred window, occasional electricity.

2. Little sleep - Palestinian and militia wars - nightly. Two-sided lock on our jail cell door for our protection.

3. Mortar attacks nightly on our area and a suicide attack on our cell.

4. Physical abuse and our conditions were bad.

a. Stuart Dahl, the Navy Chief, nearly died the first week.

b. I couldn't sleep or move from my pain and injuries.

c. We had two good meals - the night we arrived and the night before we left. We shared some food with our guards and went four days without anything. We chose the black ants over the red ones.

5. Much worse than the beatings was the mental stress and anxiety. Every day our lives were threatened directly by our captors. Gun to head; mock executions. Their method of brainwashing us was to keep us totally unstable.

We combated their actions in a number of ways:

1. We planned an escape in detail - location - escape to sea, time - 4 a.m.
2. Continually supported one another
3. We engaged our guards, talked about family, learned some Arabic in exchange for English lessons
4. Guarded our cell 24/7
5. Made requests - cards, radio, guitar, cleaning supplies for cell
6. We gave out no military information - we planned our responses
7. Meeting with Mugnia - Operations Leader - bombing of American Embassy and Marine Barracks in Beirut. 847, Al Qaeda - Al Khobar Air Force, 2 U.S. Embassies in Africa, Navy Ship in Yemen, and 9/11.

8. Owe our survival to prayer and a firm response from our government (President Reagan) - 6th fleet - bigger gun - level the city if not released Stuart

Dahl's Prayer - first night - Robert Stethem

9. Healing after - physical - internal bleeding, eyesight, back, muscles and cramps, dysentery. Mental - (PTS) post traumatic stress - sleep - anxiety - mind race - decisions - one and one half years - first and last thoughts - check for bombs - one and one half years gone - other hostages not so fortunate - speaking and book helped.

Book - Department of Defense - train troops overseas - special operations and forces - only first hand account - hostage of Terrorists. Columbia University.

Our experience did not end with our release but continued with the capture of Hamadi, one of the terrorist hijackers in 1987 and the proceedings and trial in Germany thru 1989. The second hijacker, Issadine, is believed to reside in Iran and continues to conduct terrorist missions.

From 1997 through 2001, we - the family of Robert Stethem, the five Navy Divers, and myself, filed suit against the Country of Iran, which planned and funded our incident, hired and trained the terrorists in Iran, conducted the hijacking, and provided safe haven for the Terrorists after the hijacking.

\* Lessons Learned:

From my personal experience - first-hand - I was there - all terrorist organizations work together. Mission of Iran is to convert the world to fundamental Islam - destroy those who will not - U.S. and Israel - top of list - kill or be killed - Strengthen our military - cut in half by the Clinton Administration - and respond to attacks with force great enough to destroy them - Red Cross - Terrorist attacks are several levels above the worst that we could imagine.

Letter from flight crew of 847 - Lets keep praying for our MIAs and POWs, our troops and their families. God Bless.

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# From ethics to taxes, Naval Hospital personnel involved

What do ethics, nursing, ombudsmen and taxes have in common at Naval Hospital Pensacola? They were all the subject of special meaning at the medical facility's awards ceremony Oct. 24. The new Director of Nursing, Captain Donna Stafford was the recipient of an award for services at her previous command, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va.; Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Russ Tafuri earned an award his work with the federal tax-assistance program; Joni Verlin was commended for her work with the command's Ombudsman program; and the hospital was singled out by the US Office of Government Ethics for "Outstanding Achievement in Managing its Ethics Program" – the only hospital to earn such an honor, said Commanding Officer, Capt. Maryalice Morro. Capt. Stafford earned the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for her performance as Associated Director of Nursing Services and Associate Service Line Leader of the Bone and Joint/Sports Medicine clinic at NMC Portsmouth. She led a staff of more than 650 and was instrumental in transforming the newly-established directorate into a cohesive support team with focus on patient-centered care and collaboration. MC1 Tafuri was presented with the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his duties as site supervisor of the command's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program helping regionally to process more than 16,400 federal tax returns; and saving service members, retirees and their families more than \$2 million in tax-preparation fees.

The command Ombudsman, Mrs. Verlin, received a command coin, etched vase with the command logo, and a letter of commendation from Capt. Morro for her "active involvement" with the command that included financial counseling



(US Navy photos by Rod Duren)

**NH Pensacola Commanding Officer Capt. Maryalice Morro (left) presents a Letter of Commendation to hospital Ombudsman Joni Verlin for her "active involvement" with the command that included financial counseling and personal mentorship of families of more than 600 deployed Sailors. Her husband, Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeramiah Verlin is a member of the hospital security team.**

and personal mentorship of families of more than 600 deployed Sailors. "Your professional knowledge, positive attitude, willingness to help and unwaver-

ing devotion will have a lasting affect on our members and their families," said Capt. Morro. Also Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Toni Lee was presented with



**HM2 TONI LEE**

a Letter of Appreciation from Naval Air Station Pensacola Commanding Officer Capt. William Reavey for the leadership provided for the 2008 International Coastal Cleanup of beaches aboard the air station and Blue Angel Recreational Park. HM2 Lee was the site coordinator for the Mustin, and parts of, Barrancas and Oak Grove beaches that brought together a significant number of volunteers from NH Pensacola – replacing an Adopt-A-Beach group that had relocated from the area -- to clean more than a mile of beachfront and dune areas.

The 21st annual cleanup involved more than 461 total volunteers who were able to remove more than 4,650 pounds of debris from seven miles of beachfront, said Capt. Reavey. Other members of the command presented with Letters of Appreciation for the cleanup were: HM1 Ronald Carasco, HM2 Oliver Banal, HM2 Jeffery Decker, HM2 Dennis Gonzales, HM2 Jeffrey Mallabo, HM2 Kowalskee Saguin, HM3 Rachel DeJong and Hospitalmar Rene Garcia.

## Overseas emergency care for prime-enrolled active duty family members

FALLS CHURCH, VA - Active duty family members (ADFMs) who are enrolled in TRICARE Prime in the United States or overseas, may contact the TRICARE global remote overseas (TGRO) alarm center to obtain emergency care assistance when traveling overseas. In the past, only ADFMs enrolled in TGRO were authorized to use the TGRO Alarm Centers.

The change only applies to emergency care and emergency evacuation overseas.

Urgent care is not covered. ADFMs who are not enrolled in TRICARE Prime, and uniformed services retirees and their family members are not eligible to use the TGRO alarm center.

In an emergency, ADFMs enrolled in Prime should go to the nearest emergency care facility or contact the TGRO alarm center to seek immediate emer-

gency assistance. Once they arrive, they should contact the TGRO alarm center to coordinate payment and, if necessary, medical evacuation to another location where more comprehensive care is available. ADFMs should not leave the emergency care facility until they have contacted the TGRO alarm center.

If the ADFM is admitted, the TGRO contractor will coordinate with the medical treatment facility or regional managed care support contractor where the patient is enrolled to determine whether the patient should be transferred to another facility. The TGRO contractor will also coordinate emergency transport.

ADFM's with other health insurance need to coordinate with their primary insurer to ensure payment for medical services. The TGRO contractor will not guarantee payment as second payer;

however the TGRO contractor can help ADFMs with other insurance to find providers.

"This change marks an important milestone for the TRICARE Program," Danita Hunter, chief of the TRICARE overseas program office, explained. "It will provide consistent emergency care coverage for active duty family members across the globe. Active duty family members deserve the very best care that we can provide."

The TGRO contractor does not operate in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Prime-enrolled Active duty family members traveling in Puerto Rico should contact their primary care manager or their managed care support contractor within 24 hours of seeking emergency care.

TGRO alarm centers are available in

each of the three TRICARE overseas areas. Contact information is as follows:

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# NH Pensacola's Regional Sailors of Year

By MC1(AW) Russ Tafuri,  
NH Pensacola

Naval Hospital Pensacola has been an innovator in Navy Medicine and in the Navy Pensacola communities for more than 180 years; and now, stand by, for its latest advancement -- New Math. The equation is: 4-for-4 x 2 + 2 = NH Pensacola's Regional Sailors of the Year. Solving the equation: Commanding Officer Captain MaryAlice Morro announced the hospital's 2008 Regional Sailors of the Year at a downtown luncheon October 30 at New World Landing. The four winners were Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (HM1) Kelvin Chatman, HM2 Susannah Flores, HM3 Mintra Saefong and Hospitalman (HN) Nicholas E. Brooky. The foursome, just weeks ago, were all selected for as command Sailors of the Year; and HM1 Chatman and HM2 Flores had been among the top sailors of the fourth quarter. The nominees for Regional SOY honors are selected from the staff of the hospital and all 12 of its Branch Health Clinics across the five states of Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee; and are broken down into four categories: Blue Jacket of the Year (BJOY) for Sailors in ranks E-3 and below; Junior Sailor of the Year (JSOY) for E-4 Sailors; Sailor of the Year (SOY) for E-5 Sailors, and Senior Sailor of the Year (SSOY) for E-6 Sailors. HM1 Kelvin Chatman was selected Regional Senior SoY. He



**KELVIN CHATMAN**



**SUSANNAH FLORES**



**MINTRA SAEFONG**

is assigned as Leading Petty Officer of the hospital's Women & Children's Nursing Department. Chatman has been in the Navy for 15 years. The Talladega, Ala., native's most recent deployment was to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2006. HM2 Susannah Flores, who calls both Coral Gables, Fla., and Fort Wayne, Ind., home, was selected as the Regional Sailor of the Year (RSOY). Flores is currently the Assistant Leading Petty Officer of the Women & Children's Nursing Department. HM3 Mintra Saefong, a Richmond, Calif., native, was selected the Regional Junior Sailor of the Year (RJSOY). She is currently serving as an Intensive Care

Unit (ICU) corpsman for the ICU's Directorate for Nursing Services. HN Nicholas Brooky, a native of Acworth, Ga., was selected as Regional Blue Jacket of the Year (RBJOY). Brooky is currently the Assistant Security Manager in the Plans, Operations and Medical Intelligence Department's Security Clearance division. Guest speaker for the luncheon was Naval Air Technical Training Center Pensacola's Force Master Chief Petty Officer John A. Walker. The Force Master Chief spoke of the honor of being selected Sailor of the Year; and of the quality of the selections which gave him pride for the U.S. Navy's future.



**NICHOLAS BROOKY**

## TRICARE encourages beneficiaries to give flu vaccines a shot

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — TRICARE officials urge uniformed service families to be prepared for this year's flu season - and an important step to do so is receive a flu vaccine.

In the United States more than 220,000 people are hospitalized and 36,000 die every year as a result of the flu and flu-related complications.

Although infants and the elderly are most at risk for serious illness or death, many young people are also hospitalized or die from the flu each year.

According to the CDC, a record number of flu vaccine doses (over 140 million) have been created for use in the United States during the 2008-09 flu season. The Department of Defense has secured over 3.5 million doses; influenza vaccinations are required for all active duty and National Guard and Reserve service members according to department-specific guidelines.

For the first time, the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend children from age 6 months to 18 years get the flu vaccination.

Previously, the CDC recommended flu vaccinations for children from age 6 months to 5 years. Now, all school-aged children are encouraged to have it.

Annual recommendations for adults have not changed. Any adult who wants to reduce the risk for becoming ill or transmitting the flu to others should be vaccinated. Vaccinations are specifically recommended for all adults in the following groups:

- Adults aged 50 years and older
- Persons aged 2 to 64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions.
- All women who or may be pregnant during the influenza season.
- Children aged 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy.
- Health care workers involved in direct patient care.

- Household contacts and caregivers of children and those 50 or older.

TRICARE covers the vaccine in two forms:

The flu shot is an inactivated vaccine containing a killed virus and given with a needle. This form of the vaccine may be used in all age groups.

The nasal-spray flu vaccine, or Flu Mist, is a vaccine made with live, weakened flu viruses. This form of the vaccination is limited only to healthy people who are not pregnant or between the ages of 5 and 49.

The flu shot is covered for beneficiaries, as long as it is administered in a doctor's office. Flu shots administered in a civilian pharmacy, drugstore or other location are not covered by TRICARE. For TRICARE for Life beneficiaries, Medicare covers flu vaccines and TRICARE is second payer, if needed.

Military treatment facilities and clinics also offer flu vaccinations.

Check locally for more information.

Find out more about flu vaccines on the CDC's flu page

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Excellent opportunity for a BC/BE Neurologist to join a rapidly growing well-established neurology practice. Our practice has offices in the West, Northwest and Northeast areas of Phoenix. This area provides wonderful cultural, recreational, and scenic opportunities. J-1 opportunities are also available. Group provides a wide range of neurodiagnostic services. Excellent benefit package.

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Contact or send CV to:  
Jim K. Long, CEO, 1000 Highway Drive, Hettinger, ND 58639.

E-mail: [jiml@wrhs.com](mailto:jiml@wrhs.com).  
Phone 701-567-6183,  
Fax 701-567-6368

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Not a J-1 site.

## Greater Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

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## Physicians

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## Physicians

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**Eastern Washington** - Full Time Opportunity. Samaritan Hospital, Moses Lake, has an annual patient volume of 13,000. The shifts are 12 hrs. with 10 hrs. of PA/NP coverage. The physician will see an average of 1.25 patients per hour with 12% admission rate. **Trauma Capabilities and Resources:** Samaritan Healthcare serves a 75,000 population area with 32,000 in the local area. **Physical Description of the Emergency Department:** Emergency department is comprised of 9 rooms and 10 beds. This ED includes a trauma/cardiac room, 2 cardiac bays, a pediatric room, casting room, OB room, 2 minor medical rooms, a mental health room and a room with an undesignated function. **Availability of Ancillary Services:** **Radiology** - 24/7, Nighthawk: nights, CT 24/7, Ultra Sound 24/7, MRI off-site, **Pharmacy** - 7 am-11 pm. Pyxis system, Lab - 24/7, **Respiratory Therapy** - 24/7, **Nursing Support:** Fully staffed with RNs. **Brief Description of Community:** Moses Lake is the commercial hub of the Columbia Basin in Grant County located at the intersection of Interstate 90 and State Highway 17. This rural environment provides friendliness and security, yet within an easy driving distance of Seattle and Spokane. Columbia River is a fisherman's paradise, with trout, salmon, bass, spiny ray and walleye pike plentiful. Deer hunting is excellent. Winter sports include an outdoor ice skating rink, downhill skiing, as well as cross country skiing and snowmobiling. The area provides several golf courses, tennis courts, a family aquatic center with water slides and an Olympic size competitive pool. For more information about this opportunity, please call: **Emily Enck (800) 336-8614 x2115 or email: [emily\\_enck@teamhealth.com](mailto:emily_enck@teamhealth.com).**

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## Physicians

VERMONT'S  
NORTHEAST KINGDOM

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- Internal Medicine with Peds at its Island Pond Health Center

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Northern Counties Health Care, Inc  
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**Physicians**



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For more information on the above opportunities, contact:

**Deanna Grange, Physician Recruiter**  
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**E-mail: [PhysicianRecruit@imail.org](mailto:PhysicianRecruit@imail.org).**  
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**Marion, IL 62959**  
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[http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/MH\\_Winnebago/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/MH_Winnebago/)

**Special Requirements:** Psychologist-Licensed positions require a license as a Psychologist by the Wisconsin Psychology Licensing Board.

For information on how to apply, go to <http://wiscjobs.state.wi.us> and search for Psychologist-Licensed (Job Announcement Code 04-01380)

Questions should be directed to Bettina Kurt at (608) 266-1555 or [Bettina.Kurt@dhfs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Bettina.Kurt@dhfs.wisconsin.gov)

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**Physicians Assistant**

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For Positions in Durham VAMC contact Susan Rakley, MD at 919-286-0411 x. 6963 [susan.rakley@va.gov](mailto:susan.rakley@va.gov)

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## Physicians



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