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GMHA Grateful for NDMS Support

Medical Responders Work in GMHA ER during Typhoon Mawar Recovery

(Thursday, June 15, 2023; Tamuning, Guam) Yesterday, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) bid farewell to NDMS medical personnel deployed to assist the hospital's Emergency Room in the aftermath of Typhoon Mawar. The medical team came from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Strategic Preparedness & Readiness (ASPR) National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). Two NDMS teams were sent to assist GMHA in the ER which was inundated with patients following the storm.

"We have been very grateful to have the NDMS teams onsite to support our ER staff. They integrated seamlessly with our team and provided invaluable support, especially when the ER was oversaturated with acutely ill patients," said Hospital Administrator/CEO Lillian Perez-Posadas, "The NDMS teams worked alongside our ER staff to facilitate excellent medical care for patients despite challenges forced upon us by Typhoon Mawar."

The first team arrived on Memorial Day, May 29, 2023, with medical staff that included four Registered Nurses, two doctors, three paramedics, and one Physician Assistant (PA). The team was joined by a Team Commander and a safety officer. As the first team ended their two-week tour to assist GMHA on June 6, 2023, a second team arrived the following day. The second NDMS team was comprised of three RNs, four paramedics, a team leader, and one safety officer.

"Responders from NDMS are everyday heroes from across the United States who answer the call when disaster strikes," said Peter Cassell, spokesperson for the HHS Administration for Strategic Response and Preparedness. "We supported Guam Memorial Hospital Authority staff as they have been responding to the increase in patients due to the typhoon and treating patients in the emergency department. ASPR stands prepared for this tropical weather season and we thank our local and territorial partners in Guam for their work in recovering from Typhoon Mawar."

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