



# GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

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### **GMHA Maintains Full Operations During Typhoon Sinlaku; Resumes Services Under COR 4**

Tamuning, Guam — The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) remained fully operational throughout Super Typhoon Sinlaku. As of 12:00 p.m. on April 16, GMHA is resuming normal operations, including the return of elective outpatient and clinical services, visitation, and family viewing effective Friday, April 17.

“Our teams adapted quickly to changing conditions, mitigated risks, and maintained full operations under difficult circumstances. Working in close coordination with our community partners, this response reflects the strength, professionalism, and resilience of the entire GMHA team. We are incredibly proud of our staff and their commitment to ensuring uninterrupted care for our community,” said Joleen Aguon, M.D., Interim GMHA Administrator/CEO.

#### **Facility, Power, and Infrastructure**

GMHA sustained no major structural damage during the storm. Minor flooding was observed; however, maintenance teams responded immediately and stabilized conditions. There was no damage to equipment, vehicles, or medical supplies. To ensure continuity of care, GMHA proactively transitioned to generator power during periods of island-wide electrical fluctuation. The hospital coordinated closely with the Guam Power Authority (GPA) and South Pacific Petroleum Corporation (SPPC) to maintain power stability and ensure generator fuel supply.

#### **Patient, Staff Safety, and Clinical Operations**

There were no injuries reported among staff or patients, and no storm-related deaths occurred. GMHA maintained full emergency and inpatient services throughout the storm, caring for 135 inpatients between April 13–16 during COR 1 operations. There were no emergency room visits attributed to storm-related injuries, and all patients received continuous, uninterrupted care.

#### **Maternity Services During COR 1**

GMHA supported 19 expectant mothers who checked in during COR 1, providing accommodations including meals, beverages, power, and internet access. A total of 10 births occurred during the storm period, as follows: April 13: 1; April 14: 1; April 15: 6; April 16: 2.

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