

# **Pacific Island Health Care Project: Tripler Army Medical Center's Contribution To Health Care Delivery in the Insular Areas**



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# Pacific Island Health Care Project

- **1962** Articles of Confederation authorized care at US Military Medical Facilities
- **1985** First Compact of Free Association of the United States with the Marshall Islands, FSM & Palau
- **1988** Senator Inouye introduced bill to benefit GME at TAMC and provide humanitarian care to underserved Pacific Islanders
- **1989** Congress allocated \$500,000/year for travel
- **1995** Congress allocates \$2.5 – \$5.0 million/year to defray costs of inpatient care
- **2003** Second Compact of Free Association of the United States with the RMI and the FSM

# Compact of Free Association of the United States with the RMI, FSM, ROP

In accordance with Public Law 99-239, Jan 14, 1986  
48 U.S.C. 1905(k) Amended, July 14, 2003



RMI



FSM



ROP



Guam



CNMI



AS

**“The Secretary of Defense shall make available the medical facilities of the Department of Defense for use by individuals from the FSM, the RMI and the ROP who are properly referred to such facilities by government authorities responsible for provision of medical services of the FSM, the RMI, the ROP, Guam, ... the CNMI and American Samoa”...**

# Pacific Island Health Care Project

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Area*</u>	<u>Islands</u>	<u>US Association</u>
Guam	151,716	541	1	Territory
American Samoa	63,786	199	7	Territory
Commonwealth of Northern Marianas	69,398	477	21	Commonwealth
Republic of Marshall Islands	65,507	181	1,225	Free Association
Federated States of Micronesia	131,500	702	607	Free Association
Republic of Palau	18,467	458	350	Free Association
<b>Total</b>	<b>500,371</b>			

Population based on 2000 estimates  
\* Square miles

# **Pacific Island Health Care Project**

## **Number of Patient Referrals to Tripler**

<b>FY 1992</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>FY 2000</b>	<b>225</b>
<b>FY 1993</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>FY 2001</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>FY 1994</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>FY 1995</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>FY 1996</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>FY 1997</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>FY 1998</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>FY 1999</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>90</b>

**Welcome Donald A. Person**  
**Admin Information for Case [REDACTED]**

**Current Status: Awaiting Admittance**

Provider | Patient | Tracking | Cost | Comments

**Provider Information**

**Provider:** [REDACTED]

**Consent**

**Location:** [REDACTED]

**Specialty:** Surgeon

**Phone:** 805-355-2223/2224

**Fax:** 805-355-2026

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Patient Consent:** *I have obtained consent from the patient/parent for submission of the consultation/referral to include images, photographs and medical information for teaching and/or publications.*


*This is required in order for the case to be submitted to be part of the Pacific Island Health Care Project.*

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## Welcome Donald A. Person

### Admin Information for Case LR9046

**Current Status:** **Awaiting Admittance**

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### Provider Information

**Provider:** Lance Ray, Staff Physician  
**Location:** Kwajalein, US Army Kwajalein Atoll  
**Specialty:** Surgeon  
**Phone:** 805-355-2223/2224  
**Fax:** 805-355-2026  
**Email:** [lance.ray@kls.usaka.smde.army.mil](mailto:lance.ray@kls.usaka.smde.army.mil)

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### Patient Information

**Patient Name:** [REDACTED]  
**Patient Age:** 65.8    **DOB:** 09/18/1937  
**Gender:** Male  
**Ethnicity:** Marshallese  
**Weight:** 173.0 lbs. (1 kg = 2.2 lb)

### Tracking Information

**Date Submitted:** 07/22/2003  
**Date of Initial Consult:** 08/09/2003

Local intranet

# Pacific Island Referral Form

Island Referred From: Kwajalein

Patient's Passport Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Lastname, Firstname)

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: 53.8 Sex: Female Citizenship: Marshallese Weight: 149.0

Emergency: X Routine: \_\_\_ Patient's Employer: none

Government Authorization: Yes \_\_\_ No X

Island Referral Committee Approved Patient: Yes X No \_\_\_

Diagnosis (Include Primary & Secondary): persistent post-cataract conjunctivitis, right

Name of Person Accompanying Patient: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

(Lastname, Firstname)

Date of TB test (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ PPD Reading: 0 mm

Chest X-Ray Results:

No. of Seats Required by Patient: 1 Wheelchair: Yes \_\_\_ No X

Oxygen: Yes \_\_\_ No X How much Oxygen per liter: 0

Medication: Yes \_\_\_ No X Medication Type: none

Intra Venous Fluids: Yes \_\_\_ No X Stretcher Case: Yes \_\_\_ No X

Date of Patient's TB test (MM/DD/YYYY): 11/08/2005 PPD Reading: 25 mm

Chest X-Ray Results: negative

Name of Medical Attendant Accompanying Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

(Lastname, Firstname)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of TB test (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ PPD Reading: 0 mm

Chest X-Ray Results:

TAMC Physician Contacted: Le, Lam Date Contacted: 10/30/2005

(Lastname, Firstname)

(MM/DD/YYYY)

Dept/Service: Surgery Telephone Number: 433-6036





# Instructions for head ultrasound

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**From:** [Lynne Ruess](#) (Radiologist)-Hawaii  
**Date:** 01/28/1999 12:00 AM

**Comments:** How to do a Head ultrasound:  
Forgive me if you know a lot of this...

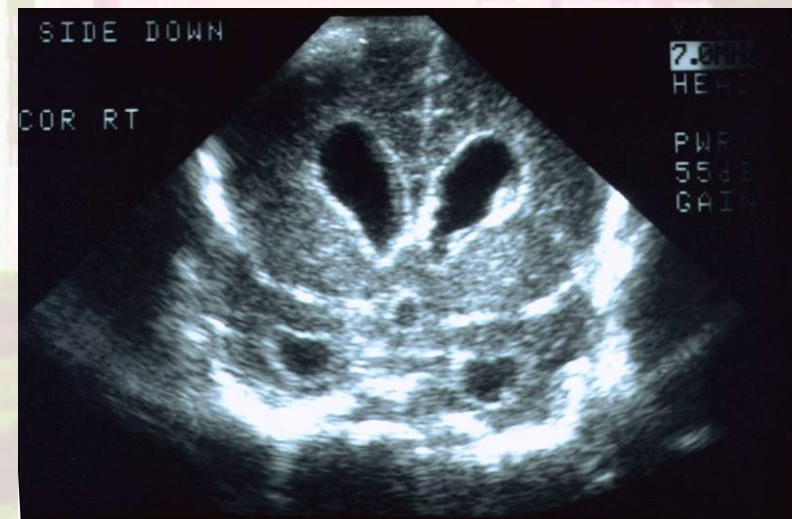
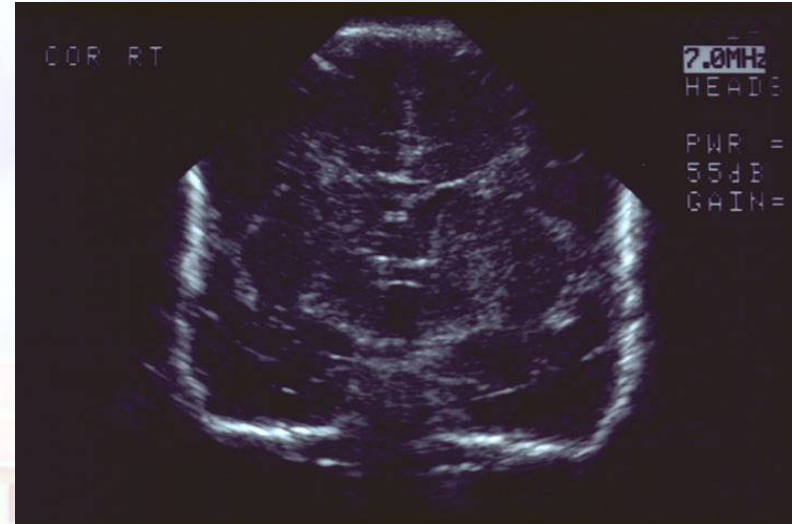
1. Choose the vector (gives a pie-shaped image) probe with the highest number frequency that you have i.e. 5 or 7 MHz.
2. Have patient facing you, either lying on her back or sitting in mom's lap
3. Use US gel

Start with Coronal images:

1. Hold probe in your right hand with notch or seam at your thumb
2. Put probe on ant fontanelle cross-wise(transverse), so that your thumb and the notch are toward the patient's right ear.
3. Adjust FOV (Field of View)/Depth so the brain fills the entire pie image.
4. Adjust Focus or Position so the focal zone is at the bottom of the image.

We usually divide the brain in 6 parts taking 6 pictures to cover the whole brain starting anteriorly and moving posteriorly. When looking for hydrocephalus, the most important are images that show the ventricles. These are depicted in the images being sent to you. Be sure to take pictures of the frontal horns of the lateral ventricles (#1=nl) and then the bodies of the lateral ventricles more posteriorly (toward the back of her head) (#2=nl).

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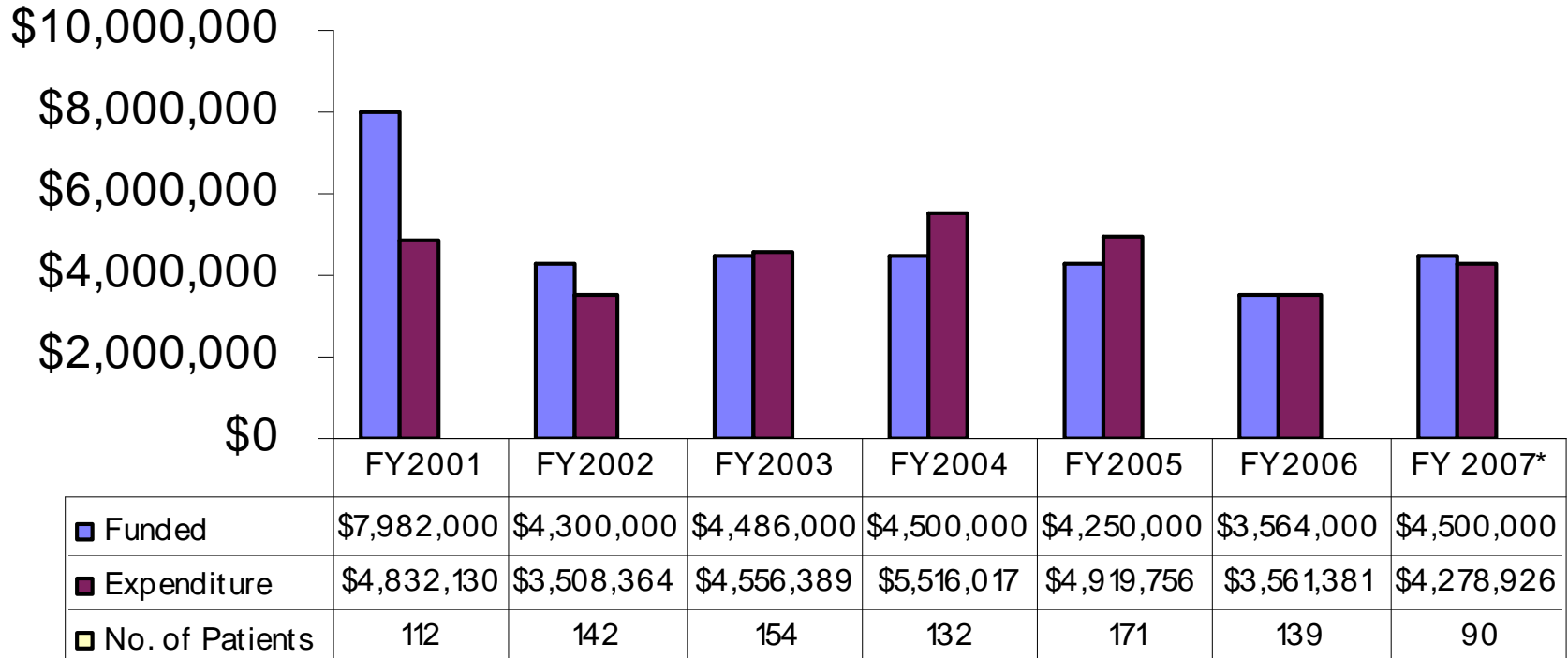


# Two Micronesian girls with femur fractures



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## PIHCP Funding FY2001 - FY2007



## FY99-FY06 Total Expenditures for all Islands

