

Death of Refugee on Manus Island

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International Health and Medical Services is saddened to hear of the death of Mr Hamid Shamshiripour in Manus Island, Papua New Guinea. We extend our sincere condolences to Mr Shamshiripour's family and friends.

IHMS is concerned with the inaccuracies and misinformation surrounding the reporting of the health care provided to refugees in Manus. IHMS is contracted to provide health and mental health services to asylum seekers and refugees residing at the Regional Processing Centre. We are also contracted to provide some primary health and mental health services to the refugees living at the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre. Refugees also have the option of accessing healthcare from the local health services and hospital. IHMS conducts welfare checks on refugees, however, like any patient, they cannot be forced to attend all scheduled appointments.

IHMS is extremely proud of the work of its highly qualified and professional clinicians who operate within a very robust clinical governance system with a mission to deliver high quality, medically appropriate healthcare with humanity and cultural sensitivity. IHMS staff are highly committed and dedicated to the provision of high quality healthcare services to asylum seekers and refugees in what is a very complex and challenging environment. This commitment is demonstrated on a daily basis.