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The term “medical treatment” refers to the treatment that must be provided for wounded and sick persons who do not (i.e. civilians ^[1]) or no longer (i.e. wounded, sick ^[2] and shipwrecked ^[3], combatants ^[4], prisoners of war ^[5]) participate in the hostilities ^[6] of an armed conflict. Such treatment is provided by medical personnel ^[7] and must be delivered without adverse distinction ^[8] and with the least possible delay. To guarantee the delivery of medical treatment, medical personnel and medical objects ^[9] are specially protected from attack ^[10] and can be identified by the distinctive emblems ^[11].

IHL prohibits carrying out procedures and medical experiments ^[12] on wounded and sick, or other protected persons ^[13] that are not required to restore them back to health.

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