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.

See Medical personnel [7]; Medical ethics/medical duties [14]; Medical objects [9]; Adverse distinction [8]; Wounded and sick [2]; Civilians [1]; Shipwrecked [15];

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