

# Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Corrections Medical Center Inspection Brief

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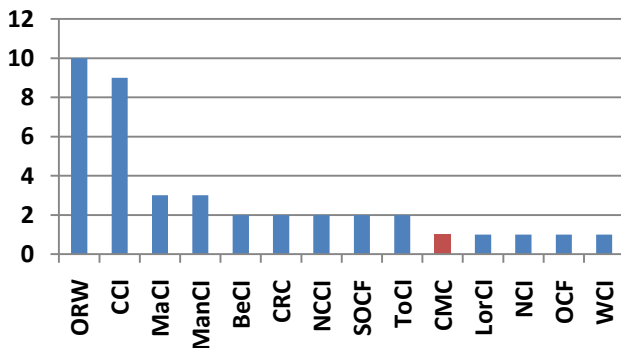
## Institution Profile

- Columbus, OH
- All security levels
- Male and Female
- 123 inmates (as of 1/11)
- 494 staff
- GRF Budget of \$36,773,213
- Unique mission of providing medical care to both short-term inmates receiving treatment and then returning to the parent institution, as well as long-term inmates (e.g. hospice care).

## Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** The facility reported six Use of Force incidents from July 2010 through December 2010.
- **Assaults:** The facility reported only one inmate-on-inmate assault where a weapon was used and one inmate-on-staff assault for all of 2010.
- **Suicide Attempts:** The facility reported only one suicide attempt in 2010. No suicide attempt has ever been successful.

## DRC Suicide Attempts July - December 2010



## Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was very positive. The institution is safe and secure, staff have high morale, and there is a reportedly high quality of medical care provided to the inmates.
- At least one inmate reported experiencing a substantial number of infections from a central venous catheter, each of which requires a costly trip to the Ohio State University Medical Center (OSUMC).
- Staff relayed that OSUMC doctors are not sufficiently trained in working with an inmate population and may leave keys or needles in the open, or be susceptible to inmate manipulation.
- CIIC has an ongoing concern regarding the requirement that CMC be subject to the DRC-wide implementation of brunch (only two meals served on weekends, rather than the usual three). Inmates taking medication in the mornings without food reportedly vomit up the medication, which may have serious health consequences for the inmate and is a costly waste of both food and medication.
- Despite a few concerns, quality of life for the inmate work cadre is high, with increased access to reentry programming, as compared to other institutions.

## CIIC Contacts and Concerns

From 2009-2010, CIIC received **4,586 contacts** regarding DRC facilities.

Of that total, **8 contacts** pertained to CMC. The most reported concern was in regard to **Health Care**.