



## **Ministry of Health, Wellness & Elderly Affairs**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

The **Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs** in collaboration with the **Ministry of External Affairs**, is coordinating a surgical and dental mission by the **United States Military Medical Mission**. This medical mission is scheduled to be undertaken in Saint Lucia during the period **Wednesday March 8 to Wednesday March 22, 2023**.

Minor surgical and dental procedures and medication shall be provided free of charge to residents in need of the care being offered. The minor surgical procedures being offered include removal of cysts and masses, hernia repair and trauma surgeries. These procedures will be carried out at the **Owen King European Hospital**. Individuals who are interested in surgical procedures are advised to visit the **Community Wellness Centres** during the **Medical Clinics** for review and registration from **January 23, 2023**. All are asked to walk with your **ID cards** for registration.

Dental services will include extractions, fillings, caries stabilization and dental hygiene-related services/cleaning and intra operative extractions. These procedures will be carried out at the **La Clery Wellness Centre** from **8.30am to 4.30pm**. To ensure the required planning and coordination of this mission, individuals who wish to access these services through this mission are requested to visit their nearest **Community Wellness Centre Dental Clinics** for pre-registration and scheduling. This can be done from **January 23, 2023**. All are asked to walk with your **ID cards** for registration.

Other activities include **Emergency Medicine Training, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support training and laparoscopy training**.

All visiting medical staff participating in the mission will be vetted as per legal requirements by the respective **Medical and Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Councils**. Practitioners who satisfy the requirements for licensing and registration will be authorized to practice on this mission.

As we have done in the past with the **2019 USNS Comfort Medial Mission** and other visiting health missions, our national health practitioners will be working alongside the visiting volunteers. A register of patients seen will be kept and all cases will be referred to local health professionals as necessary, for follow-up, to ensure their continuity of care.