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I have a pen-pal who is currently at OSCI and being one of his only connections to the outside world, I have witnessed his struggles with medical. The biggest example of the medical mistreatment in my opinion is after about eight years of complaints about jaw pain it took a Habeas to get ODOC to finally order an MRI of his jaw. They found the jaw dislocated and blood supply cut off to the right side which resulted in a lot of dead bone.. He was had to have surgery immediately, soft diet for 6 months and wearing a metal piece in his mouth for 18 months to keep the jaw from dislocating. The attitude is AIC's are liars and drug seeking so they are brushed off. Example number two; he has been incarcerated since 2010. He turns 55 this year, has a history of severe constipation, bowel obstructions. He has yet to have a colonoscopy ordered. They changed the screening age couple years ago from 50 to 45 for people with no GI problems. AIC'S are not getting the care they would receive if they were in a clinic out here. God forbid he has something wrong and is 10 years past the initial screening time. I have tried emailing medical, talking to whoever would listen, even threatened to sue the nurses civilly and only accomplished a bunch of unanswered emails and unreturned messages.