

Hospital ship to aid Philippines victims

The U.S. military has ordered the activation of a hospital ship, the USNS Mercy, for possible deployment to the Philippines, as the U.S. steps up its relief mission after the devastating typhoon



USNS Mercy: Originally built as oil tanker, converted into hospital ship in 1984

Length: **273m**

Beam: **32m**

Full displacement: **62,922 tonnes**

Speed: **17.5 knots (32 km/h)**



Casualties brought aboard by helicopter or boat

Decontamination

Casualty reception

X-ray, blood bank

CREW

Civilian mariners
63

Operating complex

Naval medical staff
956

Wards

Naval support staff
258

PATIENT FLOW

Recovery room

Intensive care

Equipment includes 12 operating rooms, 1,000 hospital beds, optometry lab, CT scan and two oxygen producing plants

