

# THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAM

## GAME DAY MEDICAL STAFF

### CLUB MEDICAL STAFF

On average, each club employs the following roster of medical professionals who care for players on game days, as well as provide training and treatment throughout the season and offseason.



#### 4 ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Assess and treat player injuries in conjunction with team doctors



#### 2 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS

Evaluate players for general medical conditions and concussions



#### 2 ORTHOPEDISTS

Evaluate and treat players for injuries to the bones and joints



#### 1 CHIROPRACTOR

Provides back/spinal adjustments for players and treats muscular injuries

### INDEPENDENT MEDICAL STAFF

These medical professionals are present at every NFL game, working in unison with club medical staff to care for players.



#### 2 ATHLETIC TRAINER (AT) SPOTTERS

Watch the game from a specialized video-equipped booth in the press box and notify on-field medical staff of possible injuries. The AT spotters can call a medical timeout to stop the game to have a player receive medical attention for a possible concussion



#### 3 UNAFFILIATED NEUROTRAUMA CONSULTANTS (UNCs)

Watch for and evaluate players for possible concussions and spine injuries. One is positioned on each sideline, and another in a specialized booth alongside the AT spotters



#### 1 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PHYSICIAN (ERP)

Emergency physicians who routinely engage in critical care resuscitations and advanced evaluation of trauma patients. Also direct and coordinate transportation for players to local trauma centers and other specialty hospitals as necessary



#### 4 INJURY VIDEO REVIEW OPERATORS

Operate customized injury video system and display videos requested by on-field medical staff and AT spotters



#### 2 EMT/PARAMEDIC CREWS

Work in conjunction with team physicians, athletic trainers, AMP and ERP in the stabilization and transport of players to the hospital as designated in the Emergency Action Plan



#### 1 AIRWAY MANAGEMENT PHYSICIAN (AMP)

Physicians who are specialists in advanced airway management for emergencies that may necessitate stabilization of breathing. Also will collaborate with the ERP in any critical player emergency scenario



#### 1 RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN

Takes x-rays of injured players at the stadium

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