Photos of the Day: Venezuela's Crippled Healthcare

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Venezuela's 1999 constitution guarantees free universal health care to Venezuelans, wh
world's largest proven oil reserves. President Nicolas Maduro's government insists it's com
the country's 100 fully functioning public hospitals, nine in 10 have just 7 percent of the s
need, Natera said.

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This Oct. 23, 2013 photo shows a storage room at the Central Hospital in Maracay,Venezu
ailing Venezuelans are being neglected by a national health care system that doctors s
collapsing after months of steady deterioration caused by funding shortfalls, numbing in
currency controls. Almost everything needed to mend and heal is in critically short supply
syringes and paraffin used in biopsies to diagnose cancer; the drugs to treat it; operat
equipment; X-ray film and imaging paper; blood and the reagents needed so it can be
transfusions. (AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

In this Oct. 23, 2013 photo, a doctor pulls up a mattress cover to show the condition of a l
cushion, at the Central Hospital in Maracay,Venezuela. (AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos) (AP Ph
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This Oct 30, 2013 photo shows the inside of a damaged refrigerated storage area at the b
Caracas, Venezuela. A year ago, the blood bank was open for 12 hours every day. Now,
donations on weekday mornings. Its funding for January and half of February didn’t arrive u
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This Oct 23, 2013 photo shows a patient at rest at the Central Hospital in Maracay,Vene
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