



# **PLAYER HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT**



# THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAM

An inside look at in-stadium medical staff on NFL gamedays

## EACH SIDELINE HAS:

**4** **ATHLETIC TRAINERS**  
Assesses and treats player injuries in conjunction with team doctors



**2** **ORTHOPAEDISTS**  
Evaluates and treats players for injuries to the bones and joints



**2** **PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS**  
Evaluates players for general medical conditions and concussions



**1** **CHIROPRACTOR**  
Provides back/spinal adjustments for players and treats muscular injuries



**1** **UNAFFILIATED NEUROTRAUMA**  
Consultant assesses possible head injuries and concussions



## STADIUM MEDICAL TEAM

**1** **INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC TRAINER**  
Notifies on-field medical staff of possible injuries from press box



**1** **RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN**  
Takes x-rays of injured players at the stadium



**1** **OPHTHAMOLOGIST**  
Treats eye injuries



**1** **AIRWAY MANAGEMENT PHYSICIAN**  
Provides emergency intubation to severely injured, non-breathing players



**1** **DENTIST**  
Treats dental issues



**2** **EMT/PARAMEDIC CREW**  
Transports players to hospital in the event of serious injuries



# 27 TOTAL GAMEDAY MEDICAL STAFF



Information provided by the National Football League Physicians Society (NFLPS)

NOTE: Numbers reflect the average number of medical staff present and should not be considered official NFL protocol.



(Tom E. Puskar/ AP Images for NFL Network)



(AP Photo/David Drapkin)