

GW Maritime Medical Access

UNOLS RVOC

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Who We Are

- >750 physicians, >50 Medical Specialties and Subspecialties
- Housed within the Department of Emergency Medicine at GWU
 - GWUH, UMC, VAMC, WRNMMC, SMHS
- GW MMA Founded in 1989, Operates 24/7/356 (WECC)
- All Maritime Physicians Board Certified in Emergency Medicine
- All Operators are EMTs at a Minimum
- Telemedicine for Maritime and Other Remote Locations
 - UNOLS, Global Shipping, Commercial Fishing, Cruise, Private Yachts
 - Private Aircraft, Remote Research
 - Government, Private Sector, Non-Profit

Services

- Specialty Consultation
- Case Management
- Training
- Medical Escort
- Gateway
- Consulting
- TeleSANE (currently live for non-maritime, coming to maritime)
- Mental Health Counselling (planning)



UNOLS Cases

- 122 Cases in 2023
- 103 (84%) Resolved on Vessel; 19 (16%) Unplanned Departure from Vessel
- 27 (22%) Science Party, 95 (78%) Crew
- 26 (21%) Due to Injury
- 56 (46%) Due to Infection

<u>Type of Infection</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Skin and Soft Tissue	18	28%
Dental	11	17%
COVID-19	10	16%
Eye	6	9%
Diarrheal, Intra-Abdominal	6	9%
Otitis	4	6%
Sinus, URI	4	6%
UTI, GU	4	6%
Unknown	1	2%

UNOLS Cases - Tidbits

- Seasickness Medications
- Trips and Slips, Lifting Injuries, Crush Injuries, Environmental Exposures
- 11 Dental Cases
- 9 Eye Cases
-  +  = 20 Cases (16%)

COVID-19

- December 18, 2023: CDC Removes COVID-19 Guidance for Non-Passenger Carrying Vessels
- March 1, 2024: CDC Releases Combined Respiratory Virus Guidance
 - Isolate until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications; other symptoms are improving
- Does this apply?
 - It Depends...
- General Population, Healthcare Workers, Congregate Residential Settings, Special Risk Populations, etc.
- What specific risk are you trying to mitigate?



Questions?

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