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Guidance to the International Medical Guide for Ships 3rd edition: Interim advice regarding the best use of the medical chest for ocean-going merchant vessels without a doctor onboard

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INTRODUCTION

Diagnosis and treatment of the sick and injured onboard is a challenge to seafaring. This has always been true despite recent developments in telemedicine. Where no doctor is on board — as it is the case on most merchant ships — a non-medical person holds the responsibility for medical care. He/she has to rely on his/her medical training, written information, and, if appropriate, shore-based radiomedical or telemedical advice. This information will help him/her to make best use of the medical chest and equipment on board. The appropriateness of the information available, and the adequacy, uniformity, and quality of the medical chest and equipment is key to safeguarding the seafarer's health in his/her workplace.

The WHO International Medical Guide for Ships (IMGS) was first published in 1967. The IMGS has widely been used in the maritime world. The second edition [1], written in 1988, was replaced by the third edition [2] in 2007. Immediately after the publication of the current IMGS a discussion on the best use of the tool and on further needs developed among experts from the WHO Collaborating Centres [3] for the Health of Seafarers and the International Maritime Health Association [4].

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During a workshop of the INTERNATIONAL MARITIME HEALTH ASSOCIATION (IMHA) in Athens, Greece, November 14th-15th 2008, the concerns were summarized as follows: "Flag states that do not have national requirements for the contents of the medical chest have, in the past, relied on a list that has been provided by the WHO in the International Medical Guide for Ships (2nd Edition, 1988). This list provided information on the quantities to be carried on board. It is not a formal international instrument, but the Guide is noted as a source of information in the non-statutory part of the relevant ILO Convention. Port State Control Inspectors use the IMGS list as the minimum requirement for medical supplies. The medication list is now very out of date and when WHO recently published a new edition of the Guide it included updated lists of recommended medications that were derived from the WHO Essential Medications List and of medical equipment taken from The Inter-agency Emergency Health Kit 2006. While this was a rational approach for the WHO to ensure that well validated treatments were available, it did not take into account the need for remedies for minor ailments at sea - the sort that can impair ability to work without being dangerous, nor did it cover all the medical equipment that was needed in maritime situations. More significantly, the WHO did not consider that they could specify quantities of medications to be carried, as there was a lack of information on the use and effectiveness of medications at sea. In the absence of such data, the WHO considered that quantities should be related to voyage pattern and to political/managerial decisions rather than being stated by the WHO. This lack of specification is not causing immediate problems where the flag state of the ship has its own national regulations or guidelines but it has led to great difficulties for maritime pharmacists called on to check and restock medical chests on ships from countries, including many of those with major open ship registries, that have no national lists. Pharmacists cannot continue to work to the outdated list and quantities in the old International Medical Guide, while they have no benchmarks for quantities required from the new one, nor the authority to make consistent decisions on the quantities to supply".

WHO Collaborating Centres for the Health of Seafarers and IMHA agreed that there are a number of topics where improvements are needed. The aim is to produce a knowledge base to specify the contents of medical chests and the medical textbook. While this is a long-term approach requiring research efforts, it was also agreed upon the need to produce interim guidance on the medical chest for current users of the IMGS, even in the absence of further evidence. Symptom-oriented algorithms for diagnosis and treatment as a supplement to the current IMGS 3rd edition will follow soon. In this paper, the authors, who are experts from the International Medical Health Association and the WHO Collaborating Centres for the Health of Seafarers, have published recommendations for the medical chest as given in the IMGS 3^{rd} edition. This is interim advice to be available to ship-owners, masters and maritime authorities, and pharmacists for use on merchant ships not carrying a medical doctor, of those flags that do not follow the EU Directive 92/29 [5] and do not have national requirements. The readers and users of the interim advice need to be aware that the expert group does not judge on the contents of the current list as published by the World Health Organization in the 3^{rd} edition of the IMGS.

The aim of the Interim Advice as given below is:

- to provide an aid for decision making regarding quantities required for seagoing and coastal vessels;
- to add items named in the textbook of the IMGS 3rd edition but missing from the list of medicines or equipment;
- to add page numbers from the medical textbook to the list of medicines for easier use.

The Interim Advice as given below is not:

- mandatory for ship-owners, suppliers, or port health authorities. It is the flag states responsibility to specify national requirements in a legally binding way;
- meant to substitute qualified medical consulting. Owners and operators bear the final responsibility for the content of the medical chests on board ships. Owners and operators will need to seek qualified medical consultation for the content and quantities carried on board. The particularities of the voyage will need to be considered by the consultant, e.g. travel to areas with malaria risk.

The authors of the Interim Advice are solely responsible for the content of all additions made to The List of Recommended Medicines and Equipment of the International Medical Guide for Ships 3rd edition, pages 430–446.

EDITORIAL NOTE

We appreciate the comments of the maritime community to this publication, which will be continuously revised. All comments and suggestions need to be directed to the corresponding author. Please mail to Clara.Schlaich@bsg.hamburg.de.

HOW TO USE THE PROPOSED LIST OF RECOMMENDED MEDICINES AND EQUIPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GUIDE FOR SHIPS 3RD EDITION, PAGES 430-461

 The Interim Advice is only to be used in conjunction with the International Medical Guide for Ships 3rd edition [2], as published by the WHO in 2007.

- All items suggested by the WHO in the original list on pages 430-461 are included.
- Any additions to the original list (items and comments) are made visible by the use of italic letters. Reference pages from the medical textbook to the list of items that justify the additions are given.
- Running numbers have been given to the list of medicines and equipment, including added items.
- Drugs, forms, books, and equipment that are mentioned in the textbook but have not been displayed in the list of medicines are added to the list in alphabetical order.
- Reference pages to the medical textbook are given for all items to aid use of the list.
- If an item may be omitted under special circumstances, this is mentioned in italic letters in the last column.
- Suggestions for quantities have been included. Quantities are calculated on the basis of the following assumptions: Ocean-going merchant vessels without a doctor onboard. Maximum duration of travel of 3 weeks. Crew sizes of 10, 20, 30, or 40 persons.
- For merchant vessels without a doctor onboard, engaged in coastal trade or going to nearby foreign ports, and not more than 24 hours away from a port of call, for fishing boats and private craft: Quantities may be adapted or omitted on the advice of a qualified medi-

cal practitioner or pharmacist with regards to the destination, medical facilities ashore, number of crew members, and cargo.

- For dosage, contra-indications, unwanted effects, radiomedical advice, and further remarks the users should refer to the original text of the IMGS 3rd edition.
- Recommended quantities will not always reflect the standard packs in a given country. In this case, the recommendation is for the nearest available dispensing sales pack above the minimum required quantity.
- Owners and operators may substitute exact equivalents on the advice of a qualified medical practitioner or pharmacist, provided they are satisfied that an equivalent level of treatment is assured.
- Specific items will not be available in certain countries; for example, Chlorpyrifos was banned in the European Communion (Directive 98/8 EEC of March 16th 1998). The pharmacist will have to supply an analogous drug in corresponding quantities. The same is true for items which have transport restrictions and cannot be delivered locally.
- For ships carrying dangerous goods according to the IMDG
 Code [6]: medicines and equipment already available in
 the IMGS list may be counted toward the Medical First Aid
 Guide (MFAG) numerical requirement, if appropriate.

Ocean-going merchant vessels without a doctor onboard Maximum duration of travel of 3 weeks Crew sizes of 10, 20, 30, or 40 persons Only to be used in conjunction with the International Medical Guide for Ships 3rd edition

Running numbers are given to the	Quantities for the recommen-	Comments in italic letters refer to added items
alphabetical list of medicines and equip-	ded minimum number of	which are mentioned in the textbook but have
ment. Items which have been added	items for ocean-going vessels	not been displayed in the list of medicines.
by the authors appear in alphabetical	are based on an estimated	Remarks on items which may be omitted under
order and are written in italic letters	3 weeks inventory for a crew complement of 10–40 persons	special circumstance are given. For dosage, contra-indications, doctor consulting, unwanted
	complement of 20-40 persons	effects, and remarks, refer to IMGS 3 rd ed.
		n 430-461 and textbook

lte	em No. Recommended Item					
Do	sage form, Strength	Per 10	Per 20	Per 30	Per 40	Indications (on board ships) Added comments
1	Acetylsalicylic acid, tablet 300 mg	100	200	300	400	 High dose (600-900 mg): to reduce pain, fever, inflammation Low dose (100-150 mg) to inhibit formation of blood clots in angina pectoris, myocardial infarction, stroke See pages: 17-25 and 113-116, 133-135, 137, 138

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Do	sage form, Strength	Per 10	Per 20	Per 30	Per 40	Indications (on board ships) Added comments
2	Aciclovir, tablet 400 mg	35	35	70	70	 Treatment of primary or recurrent herpes simplex virus infection May be useful for severe varicella and herpes zoster infection (doctor should be consulted) See pages: 125-126, 198-199, 256
3	Adrenaline 1:1000, ampoule 1 ml = 1 mg	10	10	10	10	 To raise blood pressure in anaphylaxis To dilate airways in severe asthma or anaphylaxis See pages: 145-147
4	Amethocaine (<i>tetracaine</i> <i>hydrochloride</i>), 0.5% eye drops, single-use vial 1ml	20	20	20	20	for eye examination and procedures See pages: 33-34
5	Amoxicillin + clavulanate, tablets 875 mg/125 mg	15	30	30	45	 To treat infections responsive to this antibiotic See Pages: 7-776, 140-144, 181-183, 204, 216-217, 221-223, 262, 288
6	Antimalarial prophylaxis	Quantity dependent on crew number, risk of acquiring malaria in a given port, and duration of stay in risk area. Seek medical advice				Prophylaxis and treatment of malaria as recommen- ded by www.who.int/malaria/publications.html or: www.cdc.gov/travel/regionalmalaria/index.html See pages: 265–269
7	Artemether, ampoule 1 ml = (80 mg)	5	5	5	5	Treatment of severe malaria. See pages: 265–269 required only for voyages to areas where malaria transmission is a risk
8	Artemether + Lumefantrine, tablets 20 mg + 120 mg	24	24	48	48	Treatment of malaria. See pages: 265–269 Required only for voyages to areas where malaria transmission is a risk
9	Atropine, ampoule 1.2 mg/ml	10	10	10	10	 To treat slow heart rate in myocardial infarction To treat organophosphate insecticide poisoning See Pages: 96, 136
10	Azithromycin, tablets 500 mg	3	3	6	6	 To treat infections responsive to this antibiotic See pages: 141-144, 195-207, 260, 274, 277, 281
11	Ceftriaxone, ampoule 1 g powder for injection (dissolve in water for injection)	15	30	45	60	 To treat infections responsive to this antibiotic See pages: 16, 141–144, 153, 160–161, 172, 175, 187, 194, 195–207, 269–270
12	Cetirizine, 10 mg tablet	30	30	30	30	 To treat allergy symptoms in hay fever, hives, allergic dermatitis, etc. See page: 145
13	Charcoal, activated, 50 g in 300 ml purified water	2	2	2	2	 To absorb ingested poisons. See pages: 93-96
14	Ciprofloxacin, tablet 250 mg	40	40	40	40	 To treat infections responsive to this antibiotic. See pages: 77, 156–157, 181–183, 195–207, 221–223, 262 and 277

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Iten	1 No.	Recommended Item							
Dos	age form, Strength	Per 10	Per 20	Per 30	Per 40	Indications (on board ships) Added comments			
15	Cloves, oil of 10 ml	1	1	1	1	Toothache. See pages 287-289			
16	Dexamethasone, ampoule 4 mg/ml	5	5	5	5	 To treat life-threatening and severe asthma To treat anaphylaxis To treat severe allergic reactions 			
17	Diazepam, tablets 5 mg	50	50	100	100	To treat alcohol withdrawal. See pages: 235–239			
18	Docusate with Senna, tablet 50 mg + 8 mg	20	20	40	40	 To avoid straining in patients with anal fissure and haemorrhoids To prevent constipation caused by opioid use See pages: 168-169 			
19	Doxycycline, tablet 100 mg	20	20	40	40	As recommended in IMGS3 for specific infections See pages: 195–207, 209–210, 221–223, 271–272			
20	Ethanol 70%, hand cleanser gel 250 ml	2	4	6	8	An alternative to hand-washing when hands are not obviously soiled			
21	Ethanol 70%, liquid, Liquid 500 ml	1	1	2	2	To disinfect instruments and surfaces			
22	Fluorescein 1%, strips or single use vials 1 ml	20	20	20	20	To detect damage to cornea: damaged area stains yellow/green. See pages: 33-34			
23	Frusemide, ampoule 4 ml = 40 mg	5	5	5	5	To treat severe fluid retention in lungs (pulmonary oedema) due to cardiac failure. See pages: 15, 136			
24	Glucagon, ready to use, ampoule 1 mg amp.	1	1	1	1	To treat low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia) due to insulin when oral intake is impossible and intravenous glucose cannot be given. See pages 123, 125. It is recommended to carry a glucose measuring instrument on board.			
25	Haloperidol, ampoule 1 ml = 5 mg	5	5	10	10	 To treat psychotic hallucinations and delusions To treat severe agitation and aggressiveness See pages: 126-132 			
26	Hydrocortisone 1%, cream (20-30 g)	2	4	6	8	To treat allergies and some other inflammatory skin conditions. See pages: 169, 212–213, 219–221			
27	Ibuprofen, coated tablet 400 mg	50	100	150	200	 To treat inflammation To reduce mild-to-moderate pain, especially if associated with inflammation See pages 17–25 			
28	Insect repellent lotions for skin. Vials for personal use DEET 20–35% formulation or Picaridin or p-menthane-3,8-diol	One vial per person in areas of risk of acquiring a disease trans- mitted by mosquitoes in a given port				Consider diseases transmitted by mosquitoes as Dengue Fever p. 258–259, Malaria p. 265–269, Yellow fever p. 284 See also pages 363–364 for mosquito control in general			
29	lsosorbide dinitrate, tablet 5 mg sublingual	20	20	40	40	To treat angina pectoris (chest pain)To treat myocardial infarction			

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Dos	age form, Strength	Per 10	Per 20	Per 30	Per 40	Indications (on board ships) Added comments
30	Lignocaine 1% (without adrenaline), ampoule 5 ml	5	5	10	10	For local anaesthesia when suturing wounds or performing minor surgery See pages: 71–74, 216–219
31	Loperamide, tablet 2 mg	30	60	90	120	To treat symptoms of diarrhoea See pages: 156–157
32	Mebendazole, tablet 100 mg	10	10	20	20	To treat intestinal worm infections, not effective for tapeworm infection or hydatid disease. See pages: 281–284
33	Metoprolol, tablet 100 mg	30	60	60	60	 To treat hypertension (high blood pressure) To treat atrial fibrillation (irregular or rapid heart rate) To treat angina pectoris (chest pain) To prevent migraine See pages: 133-137
34	Metronidazole, tablet 500 mg	30	30	30	30	To treat infections responsive to antibiotics See pages 160–163, 172, 203–204
35	Miconazole 2%, cream	2	4	6	8	To treat fungal skin infections See pages 203–204, 214 If women on board, supply also Miconazole vaginal cream
36	Midazolam, ampoule 1 ml (= 5 mg)	5	5	10	10	To terminate epileptic fits See pages: 121, 128-130
37	Misoprostol, tablet 200 μ g	3	3	3	3	To prevent post-partum haemorrhage Page 192 If women on board
38	Morphine (injectable), ampoule 1 ml = 10 mg	10	20	30	40	 To reduce severe pain To reduce pain not relieved by other analgesics See pages: 17-25
39	Morphine (oral) liquid 1 mg/ml, 100 ml bottle or 10 tablets with 10 mg	1	1	1	1	To reduce severe pain likely to last several days in patients able to eat and drink See pages: 17-25
40	Naloxone, ampoule 1 ml (= 0.4 mg)	10	10	10	10	To reverse effects of opioids, especially in case of overdose See pages: 123, 240
41	Omeprazole, tablets 20 mg	30	30	60	60	 To treat gastro-oesophageal reflux To treat peptic ulcer disease See pages 152, 163–167, 173
42	Ondansetron, tablet 4 mg or	10	10	20	20	To prevent vomitingTo prevent seasickness
	Scopolamin transdermal patches	5	5	10	10	See page: 347 Caution: Scopolamine treatment causes sedation, see remarks on page 347

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Dos	age form, Strength	Per 10	Per 20	Per 30	Per 40	Indications (on board ships) Added comments			
43	Oral rehydration salts sachets of powder for reconstitution	10	10	20	20	To prevent or treat dehydration, especially due to diarrhoea See pages: 257-258, 347			
44	Oxymetazoline 0.5% (or equivalent) drops <i>or spray</i>	4	5	6	7	 To treat nasal obstruction due to allergies or viral infection To improve sinus drainage in sinusitis 			
45	Paracetamol, tablets 500 mg	100	200	300	400	To reduce pain and fever (but not inflammation) See pages 17–25			
46	Permethrin 1%, lotion 250 ml	1	1	2	2	to eliminate hair, pubic, and body lice See pages: 219-221			
47	Permethrin 5% Lotion, vial of 250 g	1	1	2	2	To treat scabies See pages: 219-221			
48	Povidone iodine ointment 10%, 25 to 50 g	2	3	4	5	To disinfect skin and wounds See pages: 67-77, 215-219			
49	Povidone iodine solution 10%, 30 to 120 ml	2	3	4	5	To disinfect skin and wounds See pages: 67-77, 215-219			
50	Prednisone, tablet 25 mg	30	30	60	60	 To treat severe asthma To treat other inflammatory conditions (on medical advice) See pages: 125–126, 145–147 			
51	Petroleum jelly, 50 g to 100 g (Vaseline)*	2	3	4	5	 To treat chapped skin See page: 212, 261 for lubricating rectal thermometer 			
52	Salbutamol aerosol, inhaler 0.1 mg/dose	1	2	3	4	 To treat asthma To treat chronic bronchitis To treat emphysema To treat other lung diseases See pages: 145-147 			
52a	Volume spacer for Salbutamol inhaler	1	1	1	1	To make inhaling Salbutamol more effective See page: 146			
53	Sodium chloride 0.9% infusion plastic-bottle 1 litre or 2×500 ml plastic bottles	5	5	5	5	For fluid replacement Can also be used for sterile eye irrigation See page: 38			
54	Sodium chloride 0.9% infusion plastic-bottle 10 ml	2	2	2	2	For sterile eye bathing and application of wet compresses. See page 38			
55	Tetracycline 1% ointment Eye – ointment 5 g	2	4	6	8	To treat minor eye infections; to prevent infections following damage to the cornea See pages: 33-34, 40-42, 261			
56	Tetanus Immunoglobulin, ampoule (keep at 2–8°C)	1	1	1	1	Part of wound care if state of vaccination is unknown, see page: 68			

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Dosa	age form, Strength	Per 10	Per 20	Per 30	Per 40	Indications (on board ships) Added comments
57	Tetanus toxoid vaccination ampoule (keep at 2–8°C)	1	1	1	1	Part of wound care if state of vaccination is unknown, see page: 68
58	Tramadol, tablets 50 mg	50	50	50	50	Against moderate pain; see pages: 22–23 In severe pain use morphine; see pages: 17–25
59	Vitamin K (Phytomenadione) Ampoule 1 ml = 10 mg	2	2	2	2	To reverse excessive or unwanted effects of warfarin or related drugs See pages: 96, 173
60	Water for injection Ampoules 5 ml	20	30	40	50	Reconstitution of injectable drugs provided as powders
61	Zidovudine plus Lamivudine tablets, 300 mg + 150 mg	Carry at	least 60	tablets		Prophylaxis against HIV infections after needle-stick injury. One tablet daily twice daily for four weeks. See page 252
	Consider adding further or using other antiviral substances following current guidelines	C .	d medica. eral risk a d			In case of exposure, immediately seek radio-medical advice for risk assessment in individual persons
	http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/ /prophylaxis/pep_guidelines/ /en/index.html		ly if very l n with exp			
	www.liv.ac.uk/hiv/guidelines.htm		her or ot		irals noderate	
	http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/ /preview/mmwrhtml/rr5409a1.htm		risk for in			
62	Zinc oxide 20% paste or ointment 50–100 g	5	5	5	5	Protection of irritated skin

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Item Recommended item Per 20 Per 30 Per 40 Category Added comments 1. RESUSCITATION EQUIPMENT							
1.1 Portable oxygen set, complete containing: 1 1 1 Appliance for the administration of oxygen See pages: 4–5 1.1a 1 oxygen cylinder, 21/200 bar 1 1 1 1 Ready to use See pages: 4–5 1.1b 1 spare oxygen cylinder, 21/200 bar 1 1 1 1 See pages: 4–5 1.1b 1 spare oxygen cylinder, 21/200 bar 1 1 1 See pages: 4–5 1.1b 1 spare oxygen cylinder, 21/200 bar 1 1 1 See pages: 4–5 1.1c 1 spare oxygen cylinder, 21/200 bar 1 1 1 1 See pages: 4–5 1.1d 3 disposable face masks of choice: 1 2 3 4 See pages: 4–5 1.1d 3 disposable face masks of choice: 1 1 1 1 0ropharyngeal airway, see pages: 4–5, 315 1.2a Guedel airway (Mayo-tube): 1 1 1 1 0 ropharyngeal airway, see pages: 4–5 1.2b Guedel airway (Mayo-tube): 1 1 1 1 0 ropharyngeal airway, see pages: 4–5 1.2a Manual aspirator to clear 1 1 1 0 ropharyngeal airway, see		Recommended item	Per 10	Per 20	Per 30	Per 40	- .
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No.						Added comments
2.6	Elastic fixation bandage, 4 m × 6 cm	3	6	9	12	Bandage
2.7a	First-aid absorbent gauze-covered cotton pad sewn onto a cotton bandage (ambulance dressing) small	5	5	10	10	Sterile compression bandages
2.7b	First-aid absorbent gauze-covered cotton pad sewn onto a cotton bandage (ambulance dressing) medium	5	5	10	10	Sterile compression bandages
2.7c	First-aid absorbent gauze-covered cotton pad sewn onto a cotton bandage (ambulance dressing) large	5	5	10	10	Sterile compression bandages
2.8a	Tubular gauze bandage for finger bandage, 5 m	1	1	1	1	Tubular gauze for finger bandage See pages: 43-58
2.8b	Applicator for finger bandage	1	1	1	1	See pages: 43–58
2.9	Adhesive elastic bandage 4 m × 6 cm	10	10	10	10	Adhesive elastic bandage
2.10	Triangular sling	5	5	5	5	Triangular sling. See pages 43–58 and 77
2.11	Sterile sheets for burn patients	2	2	4	4	Sterile sheet for burn victims. <i>Different sizes</i> See pages: 79-83
2.12	Honey for dressing burns 1 kg (only purified 1000 g)	1	1	2	2	Only if honey for medical purposes available Otherwise use a hydrogel-burnkit. See pages: 79–83
2.13	Adhesive tape, waterproof, skin-friendly, 5 × 1.25 cm	3	3	6	6	Adhesive sutures or zinc oxide bandages
2.14	Q-tips (wooden)	100	100	100	100	Q-tips
2.15	Safety pins (stainless steel), 12 pieces	1	1	2	2	safety pins
2.16	Butterfly sutures, Steristrip [®] or Leukostrip [®] , sterile	50	50	50	50	Butterfly sutures. See pages: 69-74
2.17	2-octyl cyanoacrylate liquid, 0.5 ml	1	1	1	1	Skin adhesive for closing small wounds. See pages: 69-74
2.18a	Sutures, absorbable with curved, non-traumatic needles, 1–0	3	3	6	6	Suturing equipment. See pages: 71–74 Replace with non-absorbable sutures for easier use See page: 71
2.18b	Sutures, absorbable with curved, non-traumatic needles, 3–0	3	3	6	6	Suturing equipment. See pages: 71–74 Replace with non-absorbable sutures for easier use, See page: 71
2.18c	Sutures, absorbable with curved non-traumatic needles, 4–0 or 5–0	3	3	6	6	Suturing equipment. See pages: 71–74 Replace with non-absorbable sutures for easier use, See page: 71

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No.		1.61.10	1.61.20	1.61.30	1.61.40	Added comments
2.19a	Disposable examination gloves, size M	100	100	100	100	Gloves
2.19b	Disposable examination gloves, size L	100	100	100	100	Gloves
2.19c	Surgical gloves size 6.5, sterile in pairs	3	4	5	6	Gloves (sterile)
2.19d	Surgical gloves size 7.5, sterile, in pairs	3	4	5	6	Gloves (sterile)
2.19e	Surgical gloves size 8.5, sterile, in pairs	3	4	5	6	Gloves (sterile)
2.20	Eye pads	1	2	3	4	See pages: 36, 38
3. INS	TRUMENTS					
3.1	Scalpel, sterile, disposable	10	10	10	10	Disposable scalpels See pages: 71-74, 216-219
3.2	Instrument box (stainless steel)	1	1	1	1	Stainless-steel instrument box.
3.3	Operating scissors, straight (stainless steel)	1	1	1	1	Scissors
3.4	Bandage scissors (stainless steel)	1	1	1	1	Scissors
3.5	Splinter forceps, pointed (stainless steel)	1	1	1	1	Forceps
3.6	Teeth tissue forceps (stainless steel)	1	1	1	1	Forceps. See pages: 71-74, 216-219
3.7	Needle holder, Mayo-Hegar 180 mm, straight	1	1	1	1	Needle holder. See pages: 71-74
3.8	Haemostatic clamp, Halstead mosquito, 125 mm, stainless steel	2	2	2	2	Haemostatic clamps
3.9	Razor, disposable	5	5	5	5	Disposable razors
4. EXA	MINATION AND MONITORING EQU	IPMENT				
4.1	Tongue depressors, disposable	100	100	100	100	Disposable tongue depressors
4.2	Reactive strips for urine analysis: blood/glucose/protein/nitrite/ leukocytes	50	50	100	100	Reactive strips for urine analysis, see pages: 311-312, 324
4.3	Microscope slides	12	12	12	12	Microscope slides, see pages: 265-269
4.4	Stethoscope	1	1	1	1	Stethoscope
4.5	Sphygmomanometer (blood pressure set), preferably automatic	1	1	1	1	Aneroid sphygmomanometer, see pages: 305–307

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ltem No.	Recommended item	Per 10	Per 20	Per 30	Per 40	Category Added comments
4.6a	Standard thermometer, digital if possible	2	2	3	3	Standard thermometer, see pages: 302-304
4.6b	Rectal thermometer, digital if possible	1	1	1	1	Rectal thermometer, see pages: 302–304
4.7	Thermometer 32-34°C, digital if possible	1	1	1	1	Hypothermic thermometer, preferable range 26–42°C to differentiate between severe-moderate- -mild hypothermia; see pages: 343–344
4.8	Penlight + blue cover	1	1	1	1	Penlight (blue light) to detect damage to cornea. See pages: 33-34
4.9	Waterproof indelible marker	1	1	1	1	See page: 29
4.10	Magnifying glass (a × 8 loupe)	1	1	1	1	See pages: 33-34
FORM	S AND BOOKS					
4.11	Temperature cards/charts	10	10	10	10	Use as master copy from page 302
4.12	Cards for telemedical advise	10	10	10	10	Use as master copy. Should be filled in before calling radiomedical advise
4.13	Medical logbook	1	1	1	1	See page 455
4.14	Controlled drug register	1	1	1	1	Controlled drug register
4.15	International Medical Guide for Ships 3 rd	1	1	1	1	Hard-copy
4.16a	Forms from Annex A Ship master´s report form	10	10	10	10	Use as master copy (see pages 455–461) file in medical log page 455
4.16b	Forms from Annex A Ship´s identity and navigational status form	10	10	10	10	Use as master copy (see pages: 455-461)
4.16c	Forms from Annex A Patient health status form	10	10	10	10	Use as master copy (see pages: 455-461)
4.16d	Forms from Annex A Primary physician´s report form	10	10	10	10	Use as master copy (see pages: 455-461)
4.17	Vaccination requirements	1	1	1	1	International Travel and Health, current edition (WHO)
4.18	Malaria prophylaxis and treatment	1	1	1	1	www.who.int/malaria/publications.html or www.cdc.gov/travel/regionalmalaria/index.html, see Page 266
5. EQI	JIPMENT FOR INJECTION, INFUSIO	N, AND C	ATHETER	RIZATION		
5.1	Syringes, Luer connection, 2 ml, sterile, disposable	10	20	30	40	Equipment for injection, see pages: 324-329
5.2	Syringes, Luer connection, 5 ml, sterile, disposable	10	20	30	40	Equipment for injection, see pages: 324–329

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5.3	Syringes, Luer connection, 10 ml, sterile, disposable	10	10	20	20	Equipment for injection, see pages: 324–329
5.4	Hypodermic subcutaneous needle, Luer connection, 16 × 0.5 mm (23 G or 25 G), sterile, disposable	20	30	40	50	Equipment for subcutaneous injection, see pages: 324–329
5.5	Hypodermic intramuscular needle (19 G or 21 G), Luer connection, 40 × 0.8 mm, sterile, disposable	20	30	40	50	Equipment for <i>intramuscular</i> injection, see pages: 324–329
5.6	Needles, 19 G <i>or 21</i> G, blunt, "drawing up" type	20	30	40	50	Equipment for drawing the medicine into the syringe, see pages: 324–329
5.7a	Intravenous infusion cannula 16 G (1.7 mm) or 19 G, Luer-lock connection, sterile, non-recap type + mandarin	5	5	10	10	Equipment for intravenous fluid infusion, see page: 326
5.7b	Intravenous infusion cannula 22 G (0.8 mm) or 21 G, Luer-lock connection, sterile, non-recap type + <i>mandrin</i>	5	5	10	10	Equipment for intravenous fluid infusion, see page: 326
5.8	Intravenous giving set, Luer-lock connection, sterile + 3-way valve/connection	5	5	10	10	Equipment for <i>intravenous</i> infusion, see pages: 324-329
5.9	Tourniquet, blood-taking type, to be used with intravenous infusion cannula	1	1	1	1	Equipment for infusion, see pages: 324–329
5.10a	Penile sheath set with condom catheter, tube, and bag	1	1	1	1	Bladder drainage equipment, see page: 308-309
5.10b	Indwelling urine catheter 14 CH	1	1	1	1	Bladder drainage equipment, see pages: 319-321
5.11a	Short-term urine catheter	2	2	2	2	Bladder drainage equipment, see pages: 319-321
5.11b	Short-term urine catheter with soft-eye straight tip Thiemann No 16, or equivalent	2	2	2	2	Bladder drainage equipment, see pages: 319-321
5.11c	Complete sterile urine cathete- rization set with lubricant, drapes, cotton swabs, skin disinfection, forceps, sterile container	2	2	2	2	Bladder drainage equipment, see pages: 319-321
5.12	Urine collecting bag and tube	2	2	2	2	Bladder drainage equipment, see pages: 319-321
6. GE	NERAL MEDICAL AND NURSING EQ	UIPMEN	г			
6.1	Plastic goggles or full-face mask	1	1	1	1	Eye protection
6.2	Disposable plastic apron	10	10	10	10	Plastic apron

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6.3	Kidney dish, stainless steel, 825 ml	1	1	2	2	Kidney dish		
6.4	Towels, plastic backed, absorbent, 600 × 500 mm	10	10	10	10	Plastic-backed towels		
6.5	Safety box for sharps disposable, 5 I	1	1	1	1	Safety box Size of 1-5 litres may be chosen		
6.6	Mask, duckbill type, disposable	50	50	100	100	Mask		
6.7	Tape measure, vinyl coated, 1.5 m	1	1	1	1	Tape measure		
6.8	Draw sheet, plastic 90 × 180 cm	1	1	1	1	Draw sheet		
6.9	Bedpan, stainless steel	1	1	1	1	Bedpan		
6.10	Hot-water bag	1	1	1	1	Hot-water bottle		
6.11	Urinal, male (plastic)	1	1	1	1	Urine bottle		
6.12	ColdHotpack maxi	1	1	1	1	Ice bag		
6.13	Aluminium foil blanket	1	1	1	1	Aluminium foil blanket		
6.14	Male condoms	100	200	300	400	Condoms, assorted sizes		
6.15	Plastic wash bottle, 250 ml	1	1	1	1	Wash bottle		
6.16	Bottle, 1 I plastic with screw top	1	1	1	1	Plastic bottle		
6.17	Stainless steel dressing tray 300 × 200 × 30 mm	1	1	1	1	Dressing tray		
6.18	Bowl, stainless steel, 180 ml	1	1	1	1	Bowl		
6.19	Jars, plastic, with lids and labels 100 ml	10	20	30	40	Specimen jars		
6.20a	Bandages, POP, 5 cm × 2.7 m	6	6	6	6	Plaster-of-Paris bandages, may be omitted if splints are carried		
6.20b	Bandages, POP, 10 cm × 2.7 m	6	6	6	6	Plaster-of-Paris bandages, may be omitted if splints are carried		
6.21a	Stockinet sizes for arm splints 10 m roll	1	1	1	1	Stockinet See pages: 43-58		
6.21b	Stockinet sizes for leg splints 10 m roll	1	1	1	1	Stockinet See pages: 43-58		
6.22	Cotton wool roll 500 g	1	1	2	2	Cotton wool See pages: 43-58		
6.23	Alcohol swabs	100	100	100	100	70% alcohol swabs for skin cleansing prior to injection		
6.24	Nail brush	1	1	1	1	Nail brush		
6.25	Thermometer for refrigerator	1	1	1	1	If Tetanus vaccine and Immunoglobin are on board		

Running numbers are given to the alphabetical list of medicines and equipment. *Items which have been added by the authors appear in alphabetical order and are written in italic letters* Quantities for the recommended minimum number of items for ocean-going vessels are based on an estimated 3 weeks inventory for a crew complement of 10–40 persons Comments in italic letters refer to added items which are mentioned in the textbook but have not been displayed in the list of medicines. Remarks on items which may be omitted under special circumstance are given. For dosage, contra-indications, doctor consulting, unwanted effects, and remarks, refer to IMGS 3rd ed. p. 430–461 and textbook

ltem No.	Recommended item	Per 10	Per 20	Per 30	Per 40	Category Added comments			
6.26	Mortuary transfer bag	1	1	1	1	See pages: 334-336			
DISINFECTANTS, DISINSECTANTS									
6.27	Water disinfection set including measure kit/test strips for pH and for residual chlorine	1	1	1	1	To disinfect potable water tanks with chlorine effectively. See pages: 359–360			
6.28	Disinfectant solution for medical instruments, 1000 ml: 3% aqueous phenolic solution	1	1	1	1	For disinfection of used instruments* and thermo- meters, see page: 331. *Caution: All items entering the skin or in direct contact with mucous membranes should be single use (i.e. injection needles, urinary catheters)			
6.29	Disinfectant for surfaces and floor, 1000 ml concentrate: 2% cetrimide solution or 3% aqueous phenolic solution	1	1	1	1	For disinfection of contaminated surfaces, hard-surface objects and floors (non-food-handling area), see page: 331			
6.30	Disinfectant for surfaces and floor 1000 ml concentrate: sodium hypochlorite 100 mg/litre	2	2	2	2	For disinfection of food-handling area: cutlery, dishes, plates, glasses See page: 331			
6.31	Chlorpyrifos 5 g/l in Bait stations or gels	20	20	20	20	To use against cockroaches in food storage and preparation area, see pages: 362–365			
6.32	Chlorpyrifos-methyl 7–10 g/l Spray — 1 piece	10	10	10	10	To use against cockroaches in other areas than food storage and preparation area See pages 362–365			
6.33	Insecticide spray Permethrine, natural pyrethrins or chlorpyrifos-methyl	1	2	3	4	For space spraying, not for skin See pages 362–365			
7. IMMOBILIZATION AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT									
7.1	Malleable finger splint	1	1	1	1	Malleable splints (small). See pages: 43-58			
7.2	Malleable forearm/hand splint	2	2	2	2	Malleable splints (medium). See pages: 43-58			
7.3	Malleable splint legs	2	2	2	2	Malleable splints (large). See pages: 43-58			
7.4	Stretcher	1	1	1	1	Stretcher equipment (a system for trauma mana- gement, i.e. immobilization and stretcher equipment most suited for treatment in the vessel concerned. Preferably allowing crane/helicopter lifting). See page: 7			
7.5	Cervical rigid collar variable size	1	1	1	1	For neck immobilisation. See pages: 7, 45			

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