

# The Integrated Medical Model:

A probabilistic simulation model for  
predicting in-flight medical risks

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# Integrated Medical Model (IMM) Project

- **Conceived in 2005, envisioned development of a simulation model as a means to inform medical resource planning for the International Space Station (ISS) and for future space flight missions**
- Additional applications to quantifying aspects of medical conditions could be elucidated with this approach because of the need to quantify risk metrics
  - Loss of Crew Life (LOCL)
  - Consideration of Evacuation (EVAC)
  - Quality Time Lost (QTL)
- **Intent was to utilize available space flight community knowledge base as an integral part of the simulation environment**
  - Sources: U.S. astronaut data, analog and general population information with appropriate quality and applicability to space flight concepts
- **Not envisioned to be**
  - A diagnosis tool or definitive assessment of medical treatment
  - A means of assessing countermeasure efficacy or performance decrement

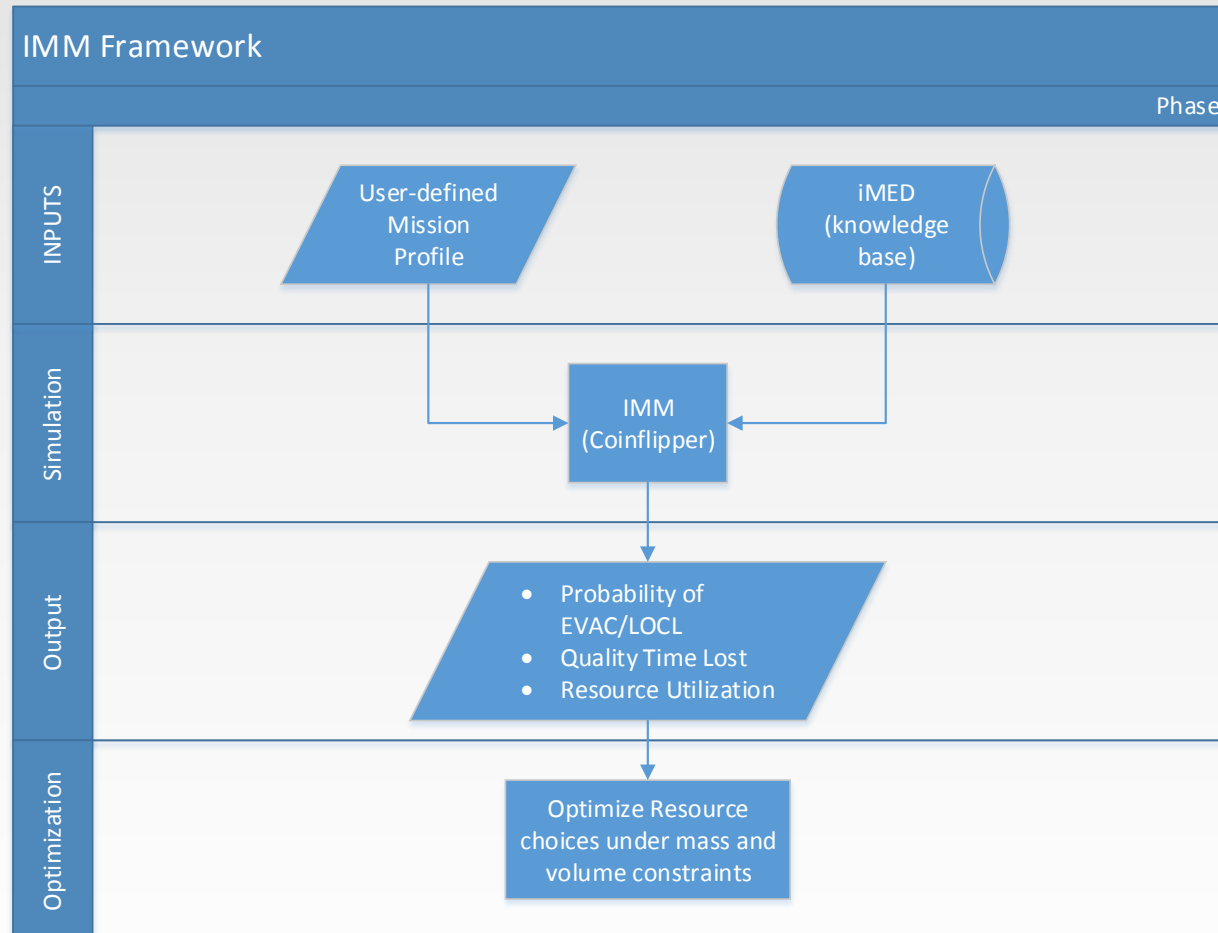


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Stochastic simulation model used to predict in-flight medical events, the resources required to treat, and impacts to the spaceflight mission.

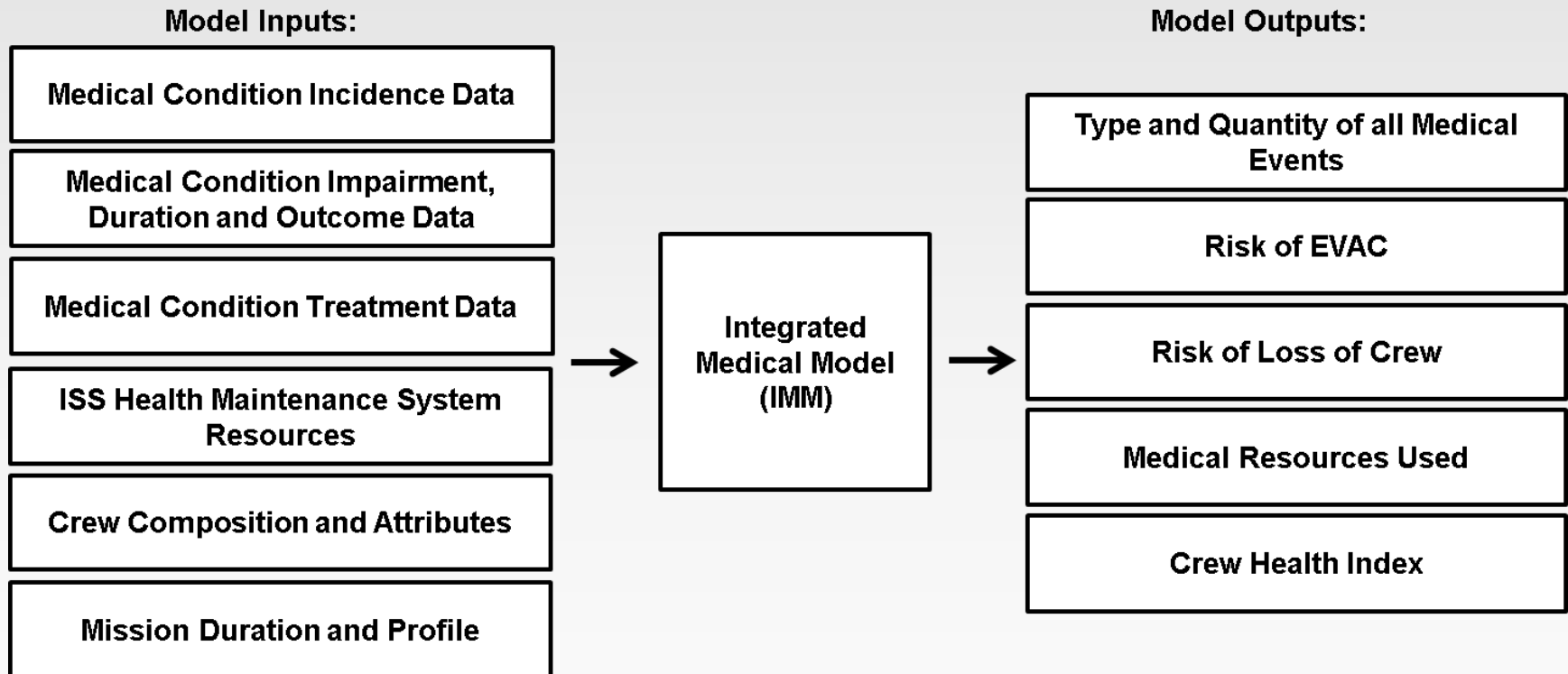


# IMM Project Flow





# IMM Data Flow

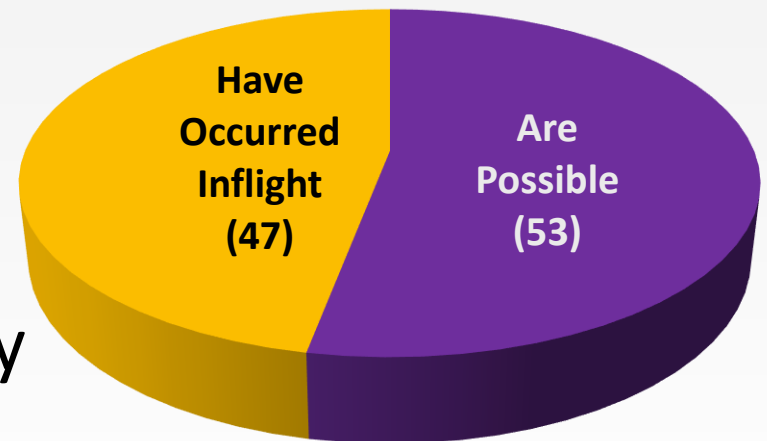




# IMM Evidence Database (iMED)

- Lifetime Surveillance of Astronaut Health (LSAH)
  - ISS Expeditions thru 13 (2006)\*
  - STS Missions thru STS-114 (2005)
  - Apollo, Skylab, Mir (U.S. crew)
- Bayesian Analysis
- Predictive Models
- Analog, Terrestrial Data
- Flight Surgeon Delphi Study

*The IMM Conditions*



\* More current data used for select conditions



# IMM: User-defined Inputs

The screenshot shows a MATLAB editor window with the following code:

```
1 - Mission_Length = 180/365; % mission length in years
2   % specify Crew profile
3 - Crew_ID = (1:6)';
4 - ncrew=max(Crew_ID);
5 - Last = {'A';'B';'C';'D';'E';'F'};
6 - First = upper({'Crew'; 'Crew'; 'Crew'; 'Crew'; 'Crew'; 'Crew'});
7 - Female = [0; 0; 0; 0; 1; 1];
8 - Crown = [1; 0; 0; 0; 1; 0];
9 - EVA = [0; 6; 0; 0; 6; 0];
10 - CAC = [1; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0];
11 - Contacts = [0; 0; 1; 1; 0; 1];
12 - HxAbSurg = [0; 0; 0; 1; 0; 0];
13 - Crew = dataset (Crew_ID, Last, First, Female, Crown, EVA, CAC, Contacts, HxAbSurg);
14 - clearvars Crew_ID Last First Female Crown EVA CAC Contacts HxAbSurg;
15
16 - EVA_schedule=[25,50,75,100,125,150];
17
18
```



# IMM Conditions

1. Abdominal Injury
2. Abdominal Wall Hernia
3. Abnormal Uterine Bleeding
4. Acute Arthritis
5. Acute Cholecystitis / Biliary Colic
6. Acute Compartment Syndrome
7. Acute Diverticulitis
8. Acute Glaucoma
9. Acute Pancreatitis
10. Acute Prostatitis
11. Acute Radiation Syndrome
12. Acute Sinusitis
13. Allergic Reaction (mild to moderate)
14. Altitude Sickness
15. Angina/ Myocardial Infarction
16. Anaphylaxis
17. Ankle Sprain/Strain
18. Anxiety
19. Appendicitis
20. Atrial Fibrillation/ Flutter
21. Back Injury
22. Back Pain (SA)
23. Barotrauma (sinus block)
24. Behavioral Emergency
25. Burns secondary to Fire
26. Cardiogenic Shock secondary to Infarction
27. Chest Injury
28. Choking/Obstructed Airway
29. Constipation (SA)
30. Decompression Sickness Secondary to EVA
31. Dental : Exposed Pulp
32. Dental Caries
33. Dental: Abscess
34. Dental: Avulsion (Tooth Loss)
35. Dental: Crown Loss
36. Dental: Filling Loss
37. Dental: Toothache
38. Depression
39. Diarrhea
40. Elbow Dislocation
41. Elbow Sprain/Strain
42. Eye Abrasion (foreign body)
43. Eye Chemical Burn
44. Eye Corneal Ulcer
45. Eye Infection
46. Eye Penetration (foreign body)
47. Finger Dislocation
48. Fingernail Delamination (EVA)
49. Gastroenteritis
50. Head Injury
51. Headache (CO2 induced)
52. Headache (Late)
53. Headache (SA)
54. Hearing Loss
55. Hemorrhoids
56. Herpes Zoster
57. Hip Sprain/Strain
58. Hip/Proximal Femur Fracture
59. Hypertension
60. Indigestion
61. Influenza
62. Insomnia (SA)
63. Knee Sprain/Strain
64. Late Insomnia
65. Lower Extremity Stress Fracture
66. Lumbar Spine Fracture
67. Medication Overdose / Reaction
68. Mouth Ulcer
69. Nasal Congestion (SA)
70. Nephrolithiasis
71. Neurogenic Shock
72. Nose bleed (SA)
73. Otitis Externa
74. Otitis Media
75. Paresthesias
76. Pharyngitis
77. Respiratory Infection
78. Retinal Detachment
79. Seizures
80. Sepsis
81. Shoulder Dislocation
82. Shoulder Sprain/Strain
83. Skin Abrasion
84. Skin Infection
85. Skin Laceration
86. Skin Rash
87. Small Bowel Obstruction
88. Smoke Inhalation
89. Space Motion Sickness (SA)
90. Stroke (CVA)
91. Sudden Cardiac Arrest
92. Toxic Exposure: Ammonia
93. Traumatic Hypovolemic Shock
94. Urinary Incontinence (SA)
95. Urinary Retention (SA)
96. Urinary Tract Infection
97. Vaginal Yeast Infection
98. VIIP - Visual Impairment/ Increased Intracranial Pressure (SA)
99. Wrist Fracture
100. Wrist Sprain/Strain





# iMED Clinical Findings Form (CliFF)

This document provides the clinical inputs to the model for this condition.

### iMED Clinical Findings Form

#### ALLERGIC REACTION (MILD TO MODERATE) - Medical/Illness

Allergic reactions are sensitivities to a specific substance, called an allergen that is contacted through the skin, inhaled into the lungs, swallowed, or injected [Medline Plus, 2008]. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/allergies/article/000003.htm> (Simons, 2008).

\*\* Medical conditions are defined by the iMED Medical Condition List. Contact iMED Project Manager for latest version.

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**INCIDENCE DATA INCLUDED IN THE MODEL**

The model imports the following incidence information from the iMED database: incidence data category space adaption status, incidence data, incidence and occurrence distribution data and incidence data characteristics. Data category defines the type of data available for incidence calculations (i.e. raw data vs. fixed data). Space adaption identifies medical events that occur once in the first 5 days of flight and does not recur. Incidence values vary by data category and define the number of medical events per person-year or medical events per person-risk for each medical condition. Incidence values can be modified by crew characteristics such as gender. Modifying characteristics are noted below and incidence values are listed individually for each characteristic. Distributions are assigned to medical events incidence values and occurrences in the model. For each crew member a given trait, the incidence and number of occurrences of each medical condition are randomly selected from these probability distributions. Detailed descriptions of the distributions are included in the iMED Technical Description Document.

Incidence:	Data category: In Flight Space Adaptation: No Incidence type: RATE
Model Data Path:	Number of Events: 11 Number of Persons: 7336 Years: 27.36
Distribution Data:	Incidence Distribution: Gamma Occurrence Distribution: Poisson

Below is a brief summary including likelihood (incidence) information using US Space Program or Terrestrial non-attributable data with citations.

Mitragy: 0	Gemini: 0	Apollo: 0
ASTP: 0	Skylab: 0	Mir: 2
ISS: 1	STS: 6	Unknown (Unspecified): 0
Terrestrial: 0	Analog: 0	

11 events occurred in 27.36 person years  
(11 / 27.36) = **402.05**

#### TREATMENT & OUTCOMES

The table below summarizes the treated and untreated best and worst case scenarios.

	Clinical Phase I Diagnosis & Initial Treatment <sup>1</sup>		Clinical Phase II On-going Treatment / Convalescence <sup>2</sup>		Clinical Phase III Recovered / Mission End State <sup>3</sup>		
	PT* (%)	Duration (HR)	PT* (%)	Duration (HR)	PT* (%)	EVAC** (%)	LOCL** (%)
<b>ISS-based Treatment</b> (best case scenario: 92 - 100%)	100%	0-25	0 - 9	0.25 - 6.0	0	0	0
<b>ISS-based Treatment</b> (worst case scenario: 0 - 5%)	100%	0-25	1 - 27	6.0 - 72.0	0 - 9	0	0
<b>Untreated Best Case</b>	N/A	N/A	1 - 27	0.25 - 6.0	0 - 9	0	0
<b>Untreated Worst Case</b>	N/A	N/A	11 - 42	6.0 - 72.0	1 - 42	0	0

<sup>1</sup>**Clinical Phase I:** Clinical phase I covers only the initial assessment of the affected crew member to define his or her medical condition, and completion of appropriate initial treatment to stabilize the crew member. While the affected crew member is being assessed, he or she is not able to perform any assigned tasks. Full functional impairment during this phase is considered 100%. In the untreated case, there is no diagnosis performed or treatment given, therefore Functional Impairment and Duration will always be "not applicable".

<sup>2</sup>**Clinical Phase II:** On-going Treatment and Convalescence: During clinical phase II, the affected crew member is receiving any appropriate follow-on treatment for his or her medical condition to allow the crew member to recover as much as he or she is able to recover in the ISS environment. Clinical phase II also encompasses relapses or recurrences of the same original medical condition in clinical phase I necessitating additional treatment or recovery time due to unsuccessful primary treatment response.

<sup>3</sup>**Clinical Phase III:** Recovered/Mission End State: Clinical phase III is reached once the affected crew member has recovered from the medical condition as much as he or she is able to recover in the ISS environment. This may or may not be recovery from the given medical condition to the full extent possible. This "recovered" state results in an evacuation or loss of the crew member; this will be noted in the mission end state results.

\*Functional Impairment (FI) is a measure of the affected crew member's utility and performance ability. The iMEDuser FI is forecast crew risk by calculating Quality Adjusted Life Years (QALY) lost of the crew for that particular medical condition when using a particular treatment capability. Crew risk is reported as a Crew Health Index (CHI), and is calculated as total QALY divided by total mission time.

\*\*Two mission end state results are addressed in the CliFF: (1) Evacuation (EAC) - crew and patient are evacuated from the spacecraft due to the medical condition, and (2) Loss of crew (LOCL) - death of affected crew member due to medical condition. EVAC is considered as an end state result if any of the following criteria are met: 1) potential LOCL, 2) potential significant permanent impairment, or 3) potential intractable pain. Probability distributions are assigned for each grade of values within the Table of Treatments and Outcomes.

Refer to the Integrated Medical Model Technical Document for more information regarding specific probability distributions, QALY and CHI calculations.

was derived, (2) the duration in Clinical Phase II, and (3) the mission end

treatment available. Class 1, 1 to 9%, there are no complaints of dyspnea at rest or similar activities except ordinary forms and there is no available data to be 15 minutes to 72 hours [Shibley 2001].

impaired to be 0 to 9%. Class 0, 0%, There is no dyspnea at rest and activities requiring intensive effort may be interfered with or require avoidance of the allergen in the best case scenario. EVAC and LOCL are

If were derived, (2) the duration in Clinical Phase II, and (3) the mission

2 or 11 to 27% when there are no complaints of dyspnea at rest, dyspnea follows except ordinary forms. Class 3, 30 to 42%, There are no 11 or 11 to 27% when there are no complaints of dyspnea at rest, or performance of other may not occur without treatment, and FI is estimated to be 1 to 42% [Isa, 1996].

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Event	Mean (Std)	Median (Std)	Probability
01	0.01	0.1	Relief of nasal congestion (topical)
02	0.01-0.1	1.37785	Relief of upper airway obstruction (topical)
03	0.00029	0.28183	All allergens, but not histamine, included in medication response
04	0.00087	0.28187	Relief of nasal congestion (systemic)
05	0.00091	0.27004	All allergens, not histamine
06	0.001	0.13747	All allergens, not histamine
07	0.00119	6.36281	Relief of conjunctivitis of the eyes
08	0.179	4.095	To evaluate lung function
09	0.00011	0.20090	Relief of nasal congestion (oral)

#### Treatment & Outcomes Level of Evidence (LOE)

Citation	LOE Value	Input Data
Isa, 1996	4	Best Case / Worst Case

#### QUALITY OF EVIDENCE (QOE)

The Quality of Evidence (QOE) summarizes the level of evidence or references supporting model input data and only one value exists for each medical condition. This value is calculated as the average of the LOEs that are assigned to each Input Data category.

Input Data	LOE	Description	Range
Incidence	1.00	Excellent	1-2
Functional Impairment	3.00	Good	2.1-3
Best Case / Worst Case	1.00	Fair	3.1-4
EVAC/LOCL	2.50	Poor	4.1-5
Resources	2.00		
<b>QUALITY OF EVIDENCE</b>	<b>1.8</b>		

#### Notes

This table was revised to match the ISS checklist procedures/AFM and AFM were changed to 1 for best and worst case. Dermogly was changed to 2 for worst case. Protonase was changed to 2 for best and worst case. The reading above: dermogly was included in the best case scenario. **International Space Station Integrated Medical Cases, 2006.**



# Mission Simulation

**For each condition and crewmember,  
randomly select incidence rate based  
on input data.**

**Generate occurrence times of medical  
condition based on incidence rate.**

**For each medical condition occurrence,  
randomly select the scenario (best or  
worst-case).**

**Based on the scenario and order of  
medical condition occurrence,  
determine resource requirements and  
utilization.**

**Based on the scenario and treatment  
status, generate functional impairment,  
duration and outcome (evacuation  
and/or loss of crew life) data for the  
medical condition occurrence.**





# IMM Medical Event Simulation

- All possible conditions are matched with crewmembers defined in the profiles
- For each simulated mission, the time of onset of each condition is generated
- Conditions fall under 4 distinct categories when it comes to the simulation:
  - **Space Adaptation Syndromes** are simulated as yes/no events based on an incidence proportion. If yes, then the onset time is generated from a specified distribution
  - **EVA-related conditions** are simulated as yes/no events based on an incidence proportion. If yes, the onset time is set at the pre-specified EVA time
  - **General condition** onset times are simulated with exponential waiting times based on an incidence rate
  - **Acute Radiation Syndrome (ARS)** is simulated separately under 2 steps
    1. The timing of Solar Particle Events (SPE) is generated using exponential waiting times based on an incidence rate
    2. For each generated SPE, ARS is generated as a yes/no event for each crewmember based on an incidence proportion. If yes, the time of onset is set as the time of the SPE



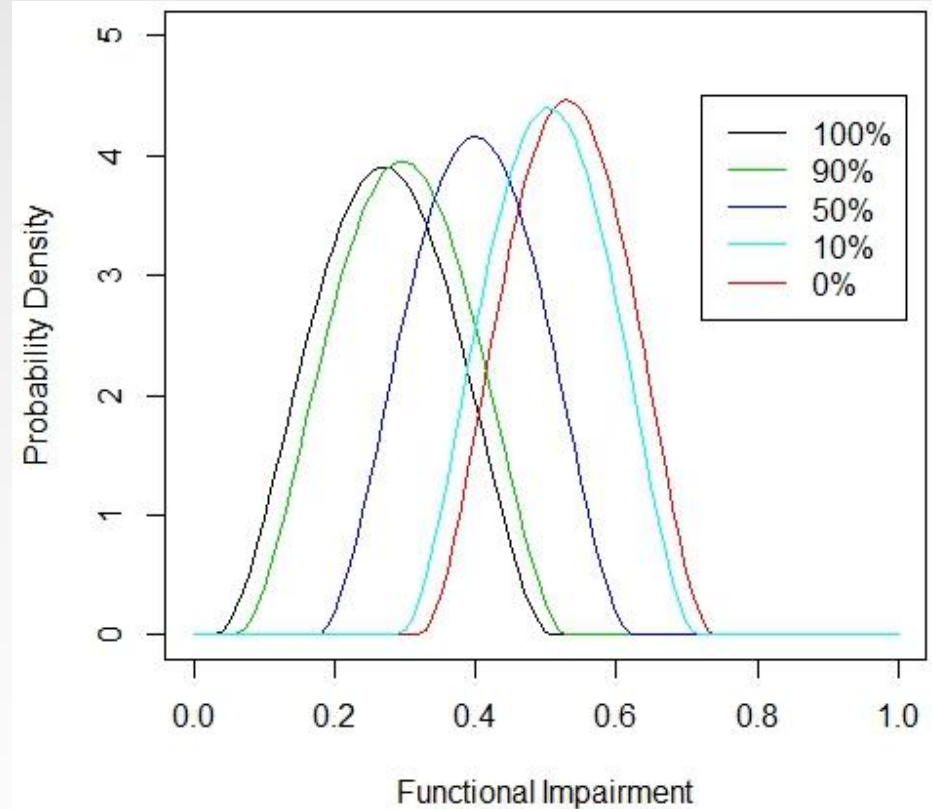
# IMM Condition Severity

- Each medical condition is defined based on a dichotomized level of severity (best/worst-case scenarios)
- For each generated event, whether the condition goes best-case or worst-case is assigned according to pre-specified probability ranges in the simulation
- Each best-case or worst-case medical condition defines the treatment required



# IMM Medical Condition Outcome Distributions

- Outcome distributions are defined based on the two extremes
  - Full treatment available
  - No treatment available
- The outcome distributions are shifted between the extremes, when some but not all the essential required resources are available at the time the condition occurs (Partial Treatment)





# IMM Medical Condition Outcomes

## Functional Impairment (FI) and Durations

- Each condition is divided into 3 stages (Clinical Phases)
  - Initial diagnosis and treatment
  - Ongoing treatment
  - Recovery/mission end state (remainder of the mission)
- Each stage is assigned an FI
  - Functional impairment is adapted from a standardized guidelines used in the Insurance industry. To adjust for the temporary nature of the impairment, the IMM FI algorithm calculates based on general principals and rules of the American Medical Association (AMA) “Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent\* Impairment”.

## Quality Time Lost (QTL)

- Sum of the FI\*duration over the 3 Clinical Phases of the condition

EVAC and LOCL are generated from specified probability distributions

\* IMM uses same classes as AMA but adjusts for mission time



# Additional Condition Assumptions

- Crewmembers cannot get the same condition for which they are already being treated (no identical conditions during CP1-CP2) with the exception of DCS secondary to EVA
- Crewmembers can get no further conditions after EVAC or LOCL, and FI = 1 for the remainder of the mission
- Crewmembers that require the same resource for multiple conditions during a time interval will use the maximum required quantity for each condition to treat both simultaneously



# IMM Predictions (Mission-level Outputs)

- Probability (Consideration) of EVAC
  - Proportion of simulated missions with at least one EVAC
  - Confidence limits estimated by bootstrap resampling
- Probability of LOCL
  - Proportion of simulated missions with at least one LOCL
  - Confidence limits estimated by bootstrap resampling
- Quality Time Lost (QTL)
  - Sum of FI x Duration over the mission
  - FIs are adjusted for overlapping (in time) impairments within crewmembers
  - Defined on [0, mission length]





# Crew Health Index (CHI)

Definition: Proportion of mission time not lost to medical events

$$1 - \frac{\sum QTL}{L * n} = CHI$$

$n$  = # crew,

$L$  = mission length,

QTL = quality time lost for each condition

- CHI is a normalized calculation of Quality Time Lost. Can be a useful metric when comparing two or more mission profiles.



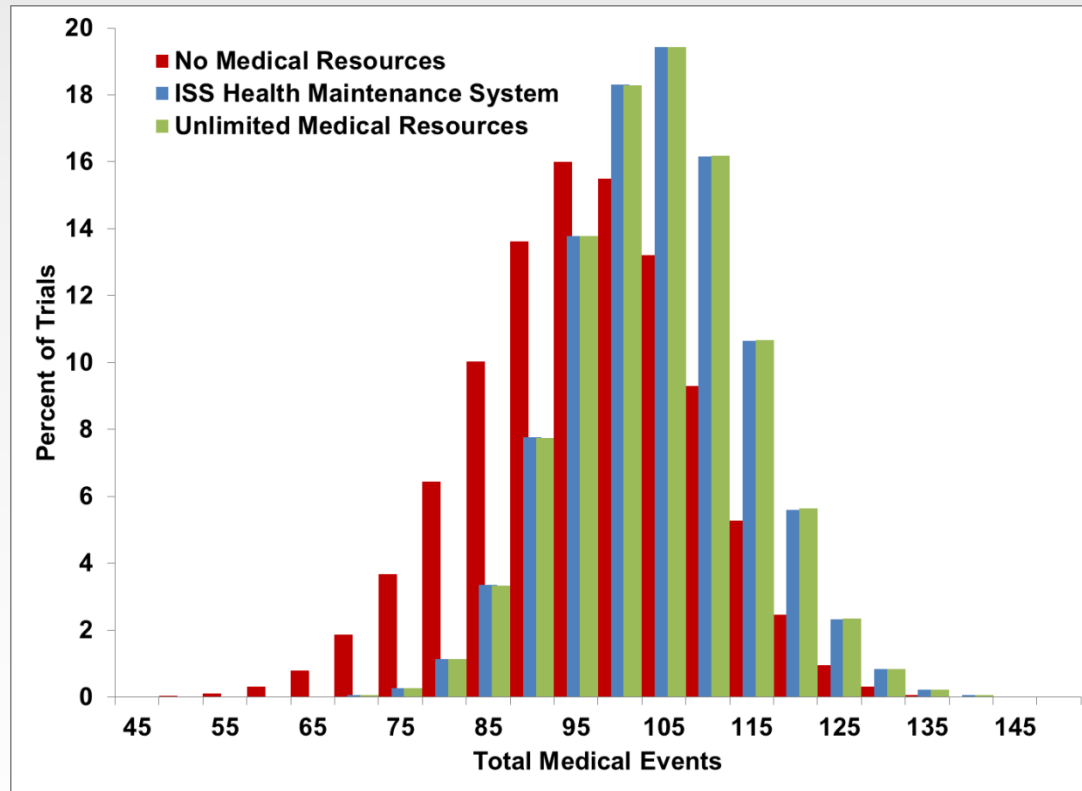
# Example Results ISS6

(6 crew, 6 months, 6 two-crew EVAs)

	No Medical Resources			ISS Health Maintenance System			Unlimited Medical Resources		
	Mean	95% Confidence Interval		Mean	95% Confidence Interval		Mean	95% Confidence Interval	
		Lower Bound	Upper Bound		Lower Bound	Upper Bound		Lower Bound	Upper Bound
<b>TME</b>	98.3	73	122	106	87	126	106	87	126
<b>CHI</b>	59.2	43.36	71.25	94.93	84.32	98.46	94.98	84.44	98.47
<b>pEVAC</b>	66.9	66.57	67.14	5.57	5.43	5.72	4.93	4.8	5.07
<b>pLOCL</b>	2.89	2.78	2.99	0.44	0.4	0.49	0.45	0.41	0.49



# Example Results ISS6 (6 crew, 6 months, 6 two-crew EVAs) Total Medical Events

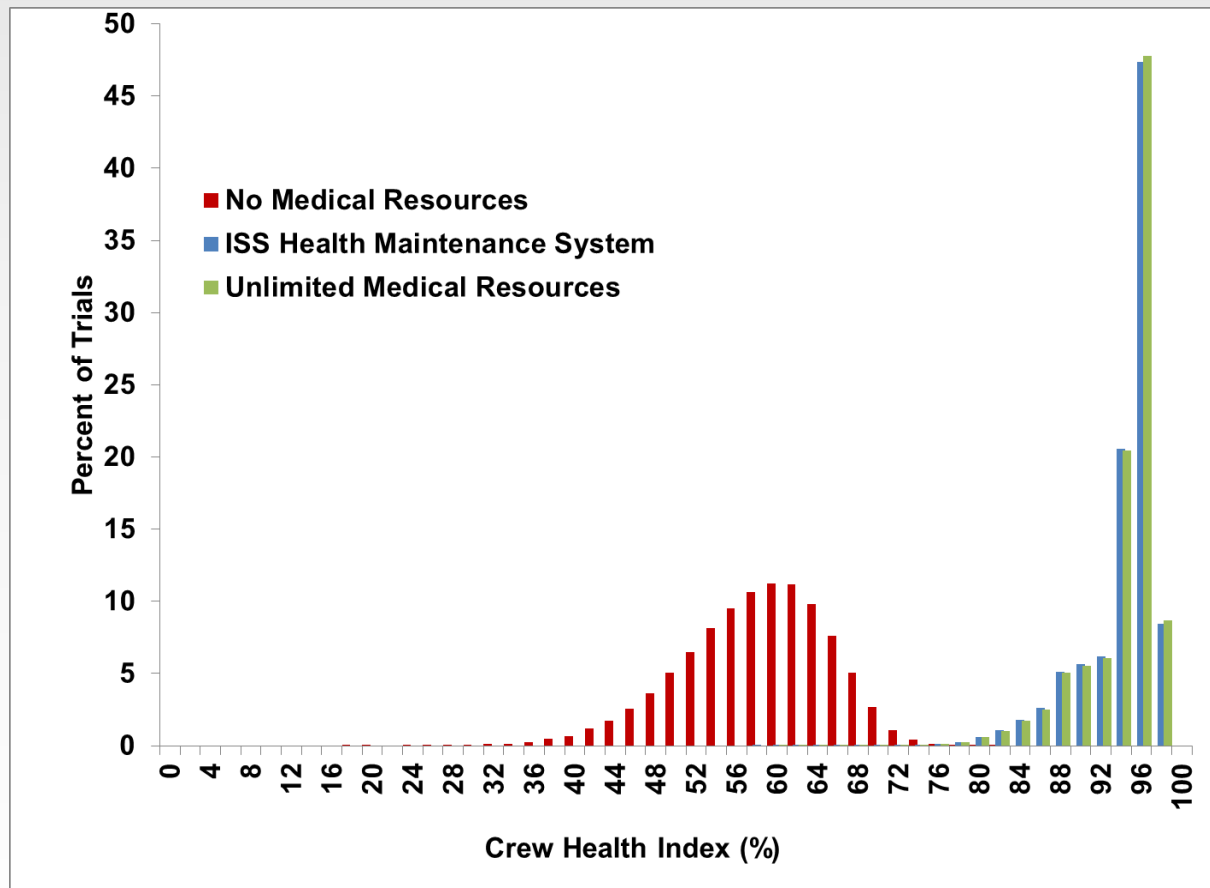




# Example Results ISS6

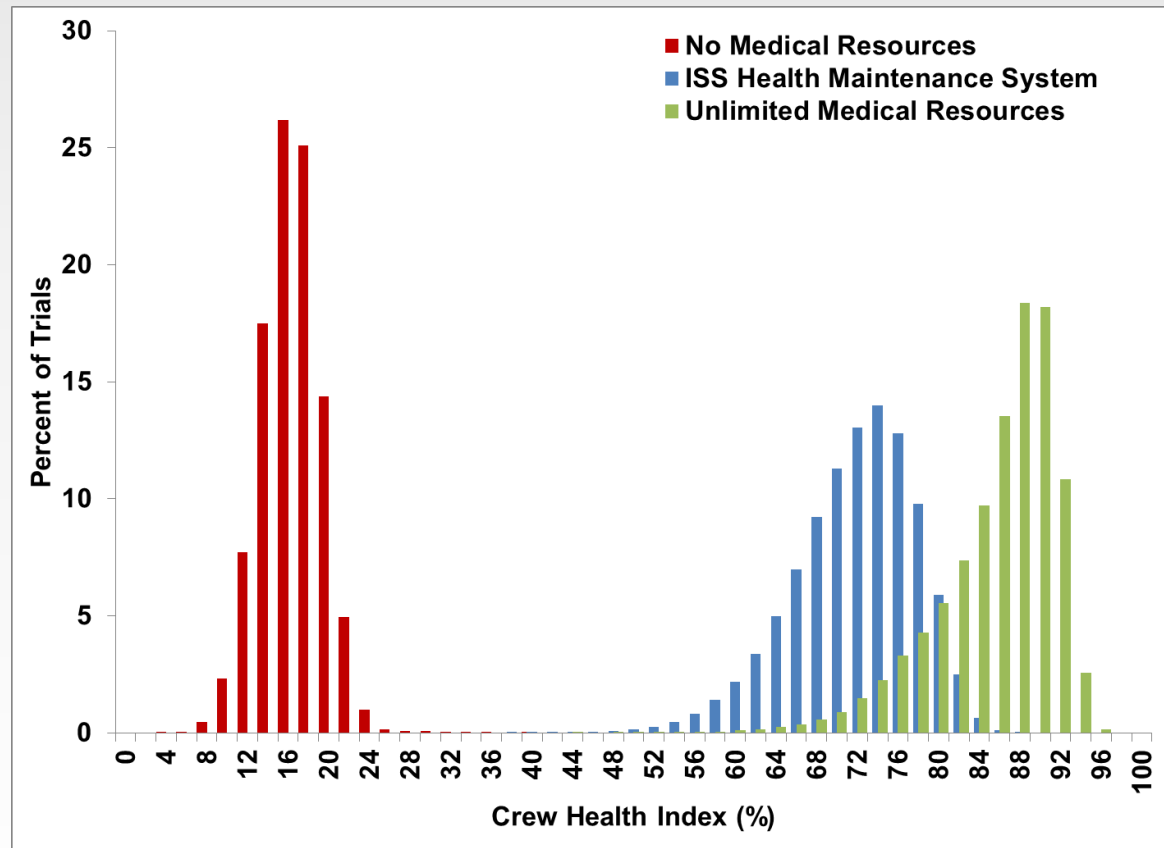
(6 crew, 6 months, 6 two-crew EVAs)

## Crew Health Index





# Example Results Exploration (6 crew, 2.5 years, 231 two-crew EVAs) Crew Health Index





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