

Integrated Medical Model Verification, Validation, and Credibility

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- **Beginning the verification, validation, and credibility (VV&C) journey**
- **Defining Integrated Medical Model (IMM) framework**
- **IMM Compliance Matrix**
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- **IMM Credibility Scoring**
- **Summary**

“Essentially, all models are wrong, but some are useful.”

George Box (1987); Professor Emeritus of Statistics at the University of Wisconsin



- **Establishing model and simulation (M&S) credibility starts before model development**
- **M&S credibility includes modeling team with end user and/or customer**
- **Successful M&S will have ongoing credibility assessments throughout life of model**



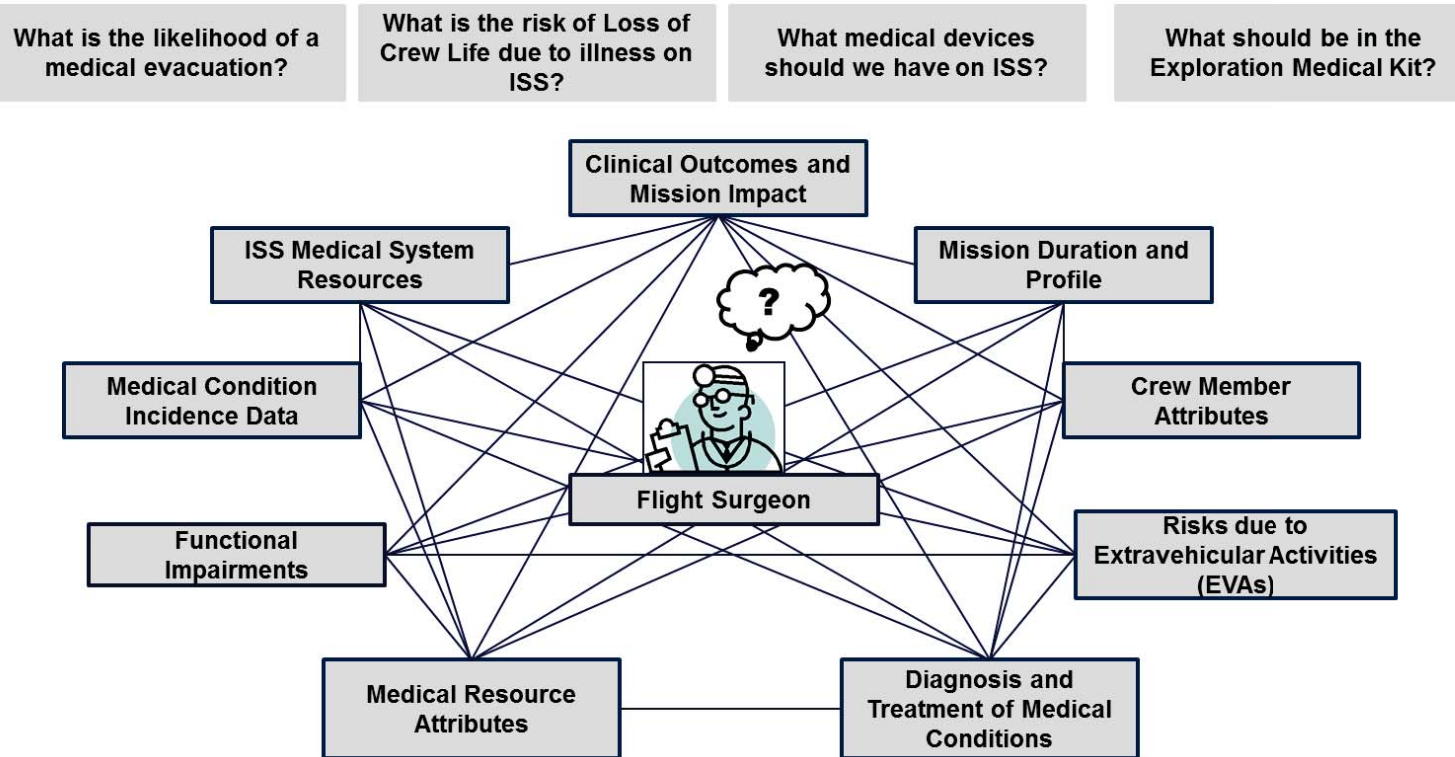


- **Recommended practices references**
- **IMM Verification and Validation Plan (2008)**
- **NASA-STD-7009 Standard for Models and Simulations (2008/2013)**
- **NASA-HDBK-7009 Implementation Guide for NASA-STD-7009 (2013)**
- **NASA-STD-7009 Guidance Document for Human Health and Systems Models and Simulations (estimated 2014)**

Beginning the VV&C Journey



Risk of unacceptable health and mission outcomes due to limitations of in-flight medical capabilities.



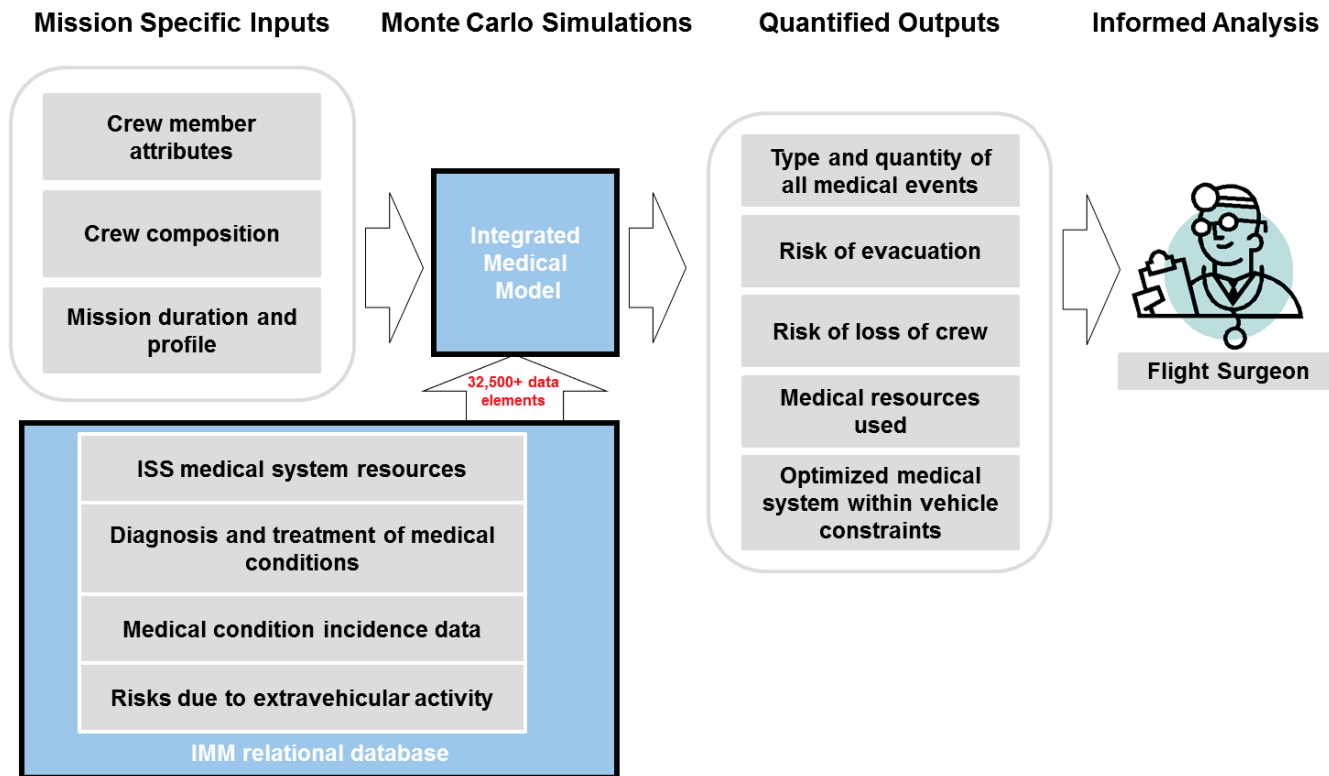
Goal: Develop an integrated, quantified, evidence-based probabilistic risk forecasting model to be used as a decision support tool for NASA crew health and mission planners that can help guide exploration planning, requirements development, and R&D technology investment activities.

Defining IMM Framework



Real world system (RWS): the most likely health state of the astronaut crew with a defined set of medical resources used to diagnose and treat medical events, and most likely mission impacts due to medical causes

Approach: Employ best-evidence clinical research methods, probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) techniques using ISS as a precursor to exploration missions



ISS baseline: RWS in the context of a microgravity environment in low earth orbit

IMM 7009 Compliance Matrix Summary (IMM V3 SAS)



49 Requirements

Compliant	Compliance Incomplete	Not Applicable
37	9	3

Compliant (7009 requirements section)	Areas of incomplete compliance (7009 requirements (reqs) section- # of reqs in given section out of total # of compliance incomplete reqs)
Programmatics (4.1)	Verification, validation, and uncertainty (4.4- 7 of 9 reqs)
Models (4.2)	Training (4.6- 2 of 9 reqs)
Simulations and analyses (4.3)	
Assessing the credibility of M&S results (4.7)	
Reporting results to decision makers (4.8)	

IMM V&V Plan Summary (IMM V3 SAS)



<u>IMM Element</u>	<u>Internal Review</u>	<u>% Complete</u>	<u>External Review</u>	<u>% Complete</u>
IMM list of medical conditions	verification	100	NASA	60
	validation	100	non-NASA	0
CliFF V&V process	verification	80	NASA or non-NASA	2
	validation	80		
CliFF content	verification	98	NASA	3*
	validation	98	non-NASA	0
External modules (conditional)	verification	50	NASA or non-NASA	50
	validation	50		
IMM overall approach	verification	80	NASA	80
	validation	80	non-NASA	0
Model programming	verification	100	non-NASA	0
	validation	95		
Software and code documentation	verification	90	non-NASA	0
	validation	80		
IMM database process	verification	20	non-NASA	0
	validation	20		
IMM output components	verification	94	NASA	5
	validation	26		
IMM output results	validation	20	NASA	5

*based on completion of 100 CliFFs

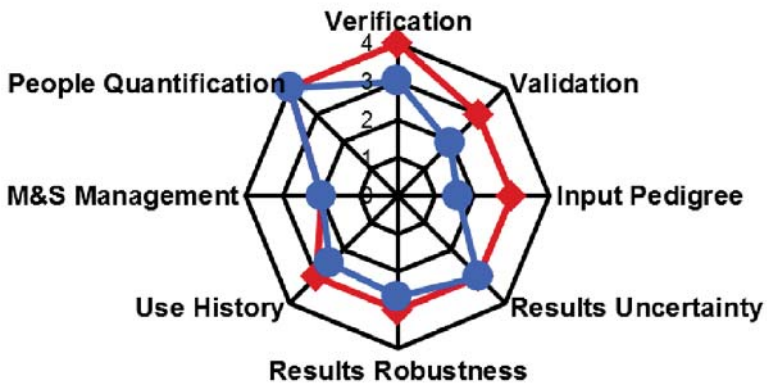
IMM Credibility Scoring (IMM V3 SAS)



Credibility Assessment Factors	Evidence			Technical Review		Factor Score	Weighted Subfactor Score	Overall Score	Sufficiency Threshold
	Score*	Weight ⁺	Threshold*	Score*	Threshold*				
1 Verification	3	0.075	4	3	3	3	0.225	2.47	3.075
2 Validation	1.5	0.15	3	3	3	1.95	0.2925		
3 Input Pedigree	1	0.175	3	3	3	1.6	0.28		
4 Results Uncertainty	3	0.2	3	3	3	3	0.6		
5 Results Robustness	2.5	0.15	3	3	3	2.65	0.3975		
6 Use History	2.5	0.15	3	N/A	N/A	2.5	0.375		
7 M&S Management	2	0.05	2	N/A	N/A	2	0.1		
8 People Qualifications	4	0.05	4	N/A	N/A	4	0.2		

* Maximum = 4; where 0=insufficient evidence and 4=highest fidelity/rigor achievable
 + Minimum = 0.05, maximum = 0.25 and sum of all weights must equal 1.0

Subfactors	Weight
Evidence	0.7
Technical Review	0.3



— Sufficiency Thresholds
 — Factor Score

Legend	
 	CAS Score > Threshold <i>Exceeds credibility requirements</i>
 	Threshold ≥ CAS Score ≥ (Threshold-0.5) <i>Ready for use</i>
 	(Threshold-0.5) > CAS Score ≥ (Threshold-1.0) <i>Use with caution</i>
 	CAS Score < (Threshold-1.0) <i>Use not recommended or to be used with EXTREME CAUTION by subject matter experts only</i>



- **Early integration of credibility assessment as part of the IMM development and implementation process yielded:**
 - Confidence in the IMM for customer and end user decision makers
 - Significant risk forecast contributions to operations, science and technology planning, and exploration research
 - ISS Program acceptance
 - Transition to operational model and simulation tool
 - Completion of service requests from broad end user consortium
- **Reporting tools have evolved over the lifetime of the IMM project to better communicate VV&C status**
 - Comprehensive VV&C approach combining IMM V&V Plan with NASA-STD-7009 requirements
 - Important to appropriately weight the different credibility assessment factors for the problem of interest
- **The greater medical community recognizes the importance of rigorously vetting computational models and looks to NASA for leadership**



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Questions?

For more information about how to apply the NASA-STD-7009 to models and simulations: “How to Develop and Interpret Credibility Assessments of Numerical Models for Human Research: NASA-STD-7009 Demystified” Thursday, February 13 2:20pm in Iris/Tulip

Back-up Slides



Comparison of IMM v3S and IMM v3M: ISS 6 Mission



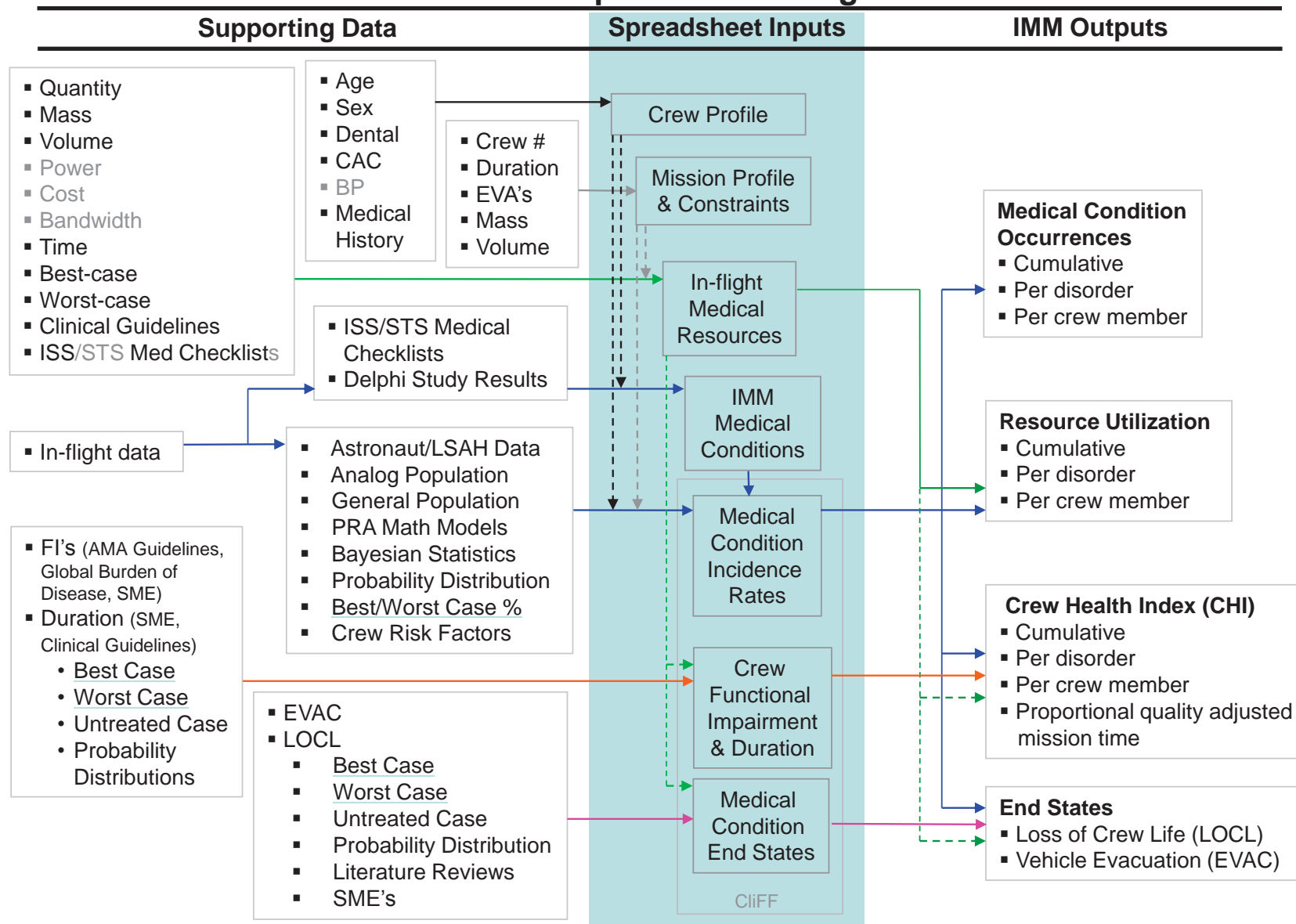
ISS6 Mission – Comparison of main IMM output parameters

Primary Output Component	<u>IMM V3S</u>			<u>IMM V3M</u>		
	Mean/ Probability	95% Confidence Interval		Mean/ Probability	95% Confidence Interval	
		Lower Bound	Upper Bound		Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Total Medical Events	105.63	87	125	105.66	87	125
CHI*	91.01	76.12	97.44	91.55*	75.81	98.07
EVAC Probability	0.1123	0.1092	0.1154	0.1136	0.1107	0.1167
LOCL Probability	0.0059	0.0051	0.0066	0.0058	0.0051	0.0066
Treated CHI*	92.03	79.63	97.52	92.86*	80.25	98.15
Untreated CHI*	16.02	2.44	32.51	17.44*	3.39	34.32
Treated EVAC Probability	0.0473	0.0452	0.0494	0.0470	0.0450	0.0490
Treated LOCL Probability	0.0053	0.0046	0.0061	0.0048	0.0041	0.0054

IMM Conceptual Model (IMM V3 SAS)



IMM Conceptual Model Diagram





- 100 specific medical conditions, including 10 space adaptation conditions
- Developed using International Space Station (ISS) based medical capability
- Assumes ISS operational environment
- Bounds clinical outcome uncertainty
 - Best-case scenario
 - Worst-case scenario
 - Untreated-case scenarios



- IMM within scope of NASA-Standard-7009
- IMM is subject to 7009 compliance

Risk and Criticality Assessment Matrix for IMM

Modeling & Simulation Results Influence	5: Controlling				
	4: Significant			IMM	
	3: Moderate				
	2: Minor				
	1: Negligible				
		IV: Negligible	III: Moderate	II: Critical	I: Catastrophic
		Decision Consequence			

The broad applications of IMM contribute to the risk and criticality assessment of IMM v3.0.



- **For a specified mission scenario:**
 - What medical conditions are most likely to occur?
 - What medical resources are most likely to be utilized?
 - What is the probability of evacuation or loss of crew life due to medical events?
 - What is the expected crew functional impairment and what is the uncertainty range of that impairment due to medical events?
 - What are the optimal medical resources to minimize crew functional impairment and the probability of evacuation or loss of crew life?



IMM Practical Application

- **Medical systems design & optimization (current)**
 - In-flight medical systems and electronic health records
 - Develop design handbooks relating risk-mass-volume per DRM
- **Managing science and technology portfolios (current)**
 - Use sensitivity analyses to align budgets with most influential risk drivers for an established set of design reference missions (DRM)
- **Communicating health risks to programs, international partners (current)**
 - Risk of evacuation, risk of loss of crew life, crew certification
- **Establish training priorities respective to mission (future)**
 - Use sensitivity analyses to align limited training hours with most influential risk drivers for a particular mission and crew
- **Requirements development (current)**
 - Use quantifiable IMM risk analyses as rationale to requirements
- **Knowledge management (current)**
 - Use IMM database and central library to manage (review, vet, update) organizational memory for every medical condition of interest

IMM Customer-defined 7009 Sufficiency Thresholds



Sufficiency Thresholds

Level	<u>Verification</u>	<u>Validation</u>	<u>Input Pedigree</u>	<u>Results Uncertainty</u>	<u>Results Robustness</u>	Use History	M&S Management	People Qualifications
4	Numerical errors small for all important features.	Results agree with real-world data.	Input data agree with real-world data.	Non-deterministic & numerical analysis.	Sensitivity known for most parameters; key sensitivities identified.	De facto standard.	Continual process improvement.	Extensive experience in and use of recommended practices for this particular M&S.
3	Formal numerical error estimation.	Results agree with experimental data for problems of interest.	Input data agree with experimental data for problems of interest.	Non-deterministic analysis.	Sensitivity known for many parameters.	Previous predictions were later validated by mission data.	Predictable process.	Advanced degree or extensive M&S experience, and recommended practice knowledge.
2	Unit and regression testing of key features.	Results agree with experimental data or other M&S on unit problems.	Input data traceable to formal documentation.	Deterministic analysis or expert opinion.	Sensitivity known for a few parameters.	Used before for critical decisions.	Established process.	Formal M&S training and experience, and recommended practice training.
1	Conceptual and mathematical models verified.	Conceptual and mathematical models agree with simple referents.	Input data traceable to informal documentation.	Qualitative estimates.	Qualitative estimates.	Passes simple tests.	Managed process.	Engineering or science degree.
0	Insufficient evidence.	Insufficient evidence.	Insufficient evidence.	Insufficient evidence.	Insufficient evidence.	Insufficient evidence.	Insufficient evidence.	Insufficient evidence.
	M&S Development		M&S Operations			Supporting Evidence		

Medical Conditions in IMM by Category



Medical Illness

Acute Chest Pain/Angina	Dental Tooth Loss	Nosebleed (SAS)
Acute Prostatitis	Depression	Otitis Externa
Allergic Reaction	Diarrhea	Otitis Media
Anaphylaxis	Eye Abrasion	Pharyngitis
Anxiety	Eye Corneal Ulcer	Seizures
Appendicitis	Eye Infection	Sepsis
Atrial Fibrillation	Gastroenteritis	Sinus Infection
Back Pain (SAS)	Glaucoma	Skin Infection
Behavioral Emergency	Headache (SAS)	Skin Rash
Cardiogenic Shock	Hemorrhoid	Space Motion Sickness (SAS)
Choking (foreign body inhalation)	Indigestion	Stroke
Constipation (SAS)	Insomnia (SAS)	Sudden Cardiac Arrest
Cough (URI/Pneumonia)	Kidney Stones	Urinary Incontinence (SAS)
Dental Abscess	Late Insomnia	Urinary Retention (SAS)
Dental Crown Replacement	Medication OD/Misuse	Urinary Tract Infection
Dental Temporary Filling	Mouth Ulcer/Cold Sore	Vaginal Yeast Infection
Dental Toothache	Nasal Congestion (SAS)	

SAS = space adaptation syndrome

Medical Conditions in IMM by Category



Injury/Trauma:

- Abdominal Injury
- Back Injury
- Chest Injury/Pneumothorax
- Eye Abrasion
- Eye Penetration
- Elbow Dislocation
- Finger Dislocation
- Fingernail Delamination (EVA)
- Head Injury (TBI)
- Hip/Proximal Femur Fracture
- Hypovolemic Shock
- Lumbar Spine Fracture
- Neck Injury
- Neurogenic Shock
- Paresthesias/Hot Spots (EVA)
- Shoulder Dislocation
- Skin Abrasion/Laceration
- Sprain/Strain
- Wrist Fracture

Environmental:

- Acute Radiation Sickness
- Altitude Sickness
- Barotrauma (ear/sinus block)
- Burns
- Decompression Sickness (EVA)
- Eye Chemical Burn
- Headache (CO₂ induced)
- Smoke Inhalation
- Toxic Exposure



- **Only U.S. medical in-flight data used**
- **Astronaut health information**
 - published reference sources
 - lifetime surveillance of astronaut health (LSAH) database
 - medical records including flight surgeon interviews
- **ISS Expeditions 1 thru 13 (2006)**
- **STS-01 through STS-114 (2005)**
- **Apollo, Skylab, Mir (U.S. crew only)**
- **Review of crew medical charts**
- **Flight surgeon subject matter expertise**
- **Analog, terrestrial data**

Plan for LSAH Validation Data Set

