EXPLORATION MEDICAL CAPABILITY

The Exploration Medical Capability (ExMC) Element is charged with reducing the risk of the "inability to adequately recognize or treat an ill or injured crewmember" during an exploration mission. To address this risk, the Element must:

- Define requirements for crew health maintenance
- Develop treatment scenarios
- Extrapolate from the scenarios to health management modalities
- Evaluate the feasibility of these modalities
- Develop technology and informatics that will enable the availability of medical care and decision systems

THE CONDITION LIST

There are approximately eighty conditions on the condition list approved by the NASA's Space Medicine Division in July 2009. The conditions were prioritized by a panel of flight surgeons, physician astronauts, engineers, and scientists based on incidence, consequence, and mitigation capability. The list is a "living document" where such capabilities are not currently available, a gap is identified. From the prioritized condition list, ExMC annually performs a Technology Watch to identify emerging high-impact technologies that:

- Augment ongoing efforts
- Accelerate the development of medical care and research capabilities

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Novel medical screening technologies
- Delivery of medical training to non-clinicians
- Autonomous medical procedure systems
- Noninvasive diagnostic imaging
- Smart ventilators and oxygen concentrators
- Minimally invasive laboratory capabilities
- Stabilization and treatment of bone fractures
- Wound care and wound closure
- Rapid vascular access
- Advanced dental care
- Intravenous fluid generation
- Inventory tracking for medications and other consumables
- Medication stability and shelf-life preservation
- Biomedical monitoring capabilities
- Medical data management systems
- Prevention and treatment of radiation sickness

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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

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- ExMC has taken to address this goal and our current areas of interest.

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From the prioritized list, the ExMC element determined the capabilities needed to address the medical conditions of concern. Where such capabilities were not currently available, a gap was identified. The element's research plan outlines these gaps and the tasks identified to achieve the desired capabilities for exploration missions.

This poster is being presented to inform the audience of the gaps and tasks being investigated by ExMC and to encourage discussions of shared interests and possible future collaborations.

ABSTRACT

Exploration Medical Capability (ExMC) is an element of NASA's Human Research Program (HRP). ExMC's goal is to address the risk of the "inability to adequately recognize or treat an ill or injured crewmember." This poster highlights ExMC's approach to address this goal and our current areas of interest.

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