Integration of an Evidence Base into a Probabilistic Risk Assessment Model

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The Integrated Medical Model Database: An organized evidence base for assessing in-flight crew health risk and system design

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Overview

Key Topics

- One-stop shopping
- Database Features & Innovations
- IMM Highlights
- Key Process
- Use history and new capabilities
IMM Database and Model offer one-stop shopping for the user of evidence-based reports and risk forecasts.
Who are IMM Database Users?

*IMM Database has a broad spectrum of capabilities to offer to an extensive user base.*

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<td>What is the likelihood that a crew member will develop nasal congestion?</td>
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<td>Risk Managers</td>
<td>What medical conditions are associated with environmental factors that can lead to evacuation?</td>
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<td>For the assigned medical system mass allocation, what is the total mass for all of the injectable medications and their supplies?</td>
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<td>How many different medical conditions can potentially be diagnosed with ultrasound?</td>
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<td>What is the risk of evacuation - due to a medical event - for a 6-person, 180-day mission assuming the current in-flight medical capability?</td>
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IMM Database is a robust tool that supports IMM along with offering customers a user friendly evidence-based platform.

- Objective; not subject to human error or “squeaky wheel” adage
- Input data are referenced and cited
- Organizational knowledge management tool
- Provides web accessibility for a customer friendly interface
The level of evidence (LOE) quantifies the model inputs according to a ranking based on highest value of data.

- Unique to Space Medicine
- Follows 5-point scale similar to many conventional LOE scales
- Population is so different; crew are exposed to austere conditions & medical care is limited
- Space flight data are the most relevant input for the model
Quality of Evidence

A quality of evidence (QOE) score provides an assessment of the evidence base for each medical condition.

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<td>Poor</td>
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- Calculation for QOE is the average of the categories of input data
- Averaging provides an objective assessment of the LOEs
- Allows IMM Team to manage evidence base
- Innovative practical use of the database
Reference Manager allows the IMM team to manage their citations and collaborate with colleagues.

- Created a centralized multi-user library for the IMM Team
- Allows online searches
- Formatted reference lists
- Integrated with the IMM Database via an export
The Integrated Medical Model (IMM) estimates crew health, resource utilization, and mission outcomes during space flight using a stochastic model.

- Useful for comparing risks among multiple mission profiles
- Analysis of the data from IMM is highly flexible and is modified based on customer needs
- Optimizes medical kits based to maximize crew health or minimize undesirable mission end states within space flight constraints
Key Processes

IMM Database’s key processes are critical to organization, customer service and maximizing the success.

- Integration in IMM represents just a starting point
- Configuration management built in
- Open reviews to external SMEs
- Incorporated into Validation & Verification plan
IMM project uses a range of communication techniques to reach the various audiences.

- Proactive outreach to user groups
- Educational presentations
- Project reviews
- Status reports to stakeholders
- Rap forums
- Exhibit
The IMM evidence base has been able to provide invaluable information.

- Science Management Office review of incidence data
- Storage Capacity Requirements of Vomitus/Diarrhea for Constellation
- ISS Medical System redesign
- ExMC Medical Condition List evidence base
Database is relational and can be queried, allowing users to:

- Manage complex data sources and ranking of data,
- Provide reports by integrating variables for detailed analysis,
- Interfaces with multiple software and databases and
- One-stop shop for evidence-related space medicine.
Let’s get started and give us a call.

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