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| **SSMED-1506** | **Guests with Special Needs and Pre-existing Medical Conditions** |
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|  | **General:**   * 1. Guests with complicated pre-existing medical conditions must meet specific medical criteria and guidelines to board the cruise and remain embarked for the length of the voyage, crossing, arctic regions etc. * Medical certainty must be attained regarding the medical condition and the Guest’s fitness for travel. * When requested, Guests with a pre-existing condition and/or special needs will be required to provide medical attestation that the Guest is fit for travel, and that the medical condition will not directly impact their time onboard. * The medical condition itself may not be the issue in question, and in those cases, attention is paid to the specialized equipment necessary to manage the Guest’s condition. * Final boarding discretion is given to the Doctor and/or VIKAND Medical Solutions.   1.2 **Guest Fitness to Travel**   * Any Guest who declares a pre-existing condition must be reviewed and approved by the VIKAND Medical Management prior to boarding. * In some instances, approval to sail must be granted prior to booking the itinerary. * A Guest with a pre-existing condition must be medically stable and must provide a medical summary and statement from his/her personal Doctor. * When requested, the attestation must include:   + Documentation that the Guest is stable and can manage his or her own personal care onboard, or has planned for assistance   + Documentation that the Guest can manage any necessary equipment associated with his/her condition.   + Documentation that the Guest had been educated on and is compliant with all medications prescribed for the management of his/her medical condition.   + Documentation that the Guest is medically fit to travel on the itinerary in question, including length of voyage, ports of call and potential geographic climates to be encountered * Guests will be made aware that the medical capabilities and medical staff onboard are limited |
|  | **Ambulatory Devices**   * 1. Guests requiring a wheelchair or other ambulatory devices will need to provide their own equipment.   2. Devices brought on board must be in good repair and fully functional.   3. The Ship’s wheelchair availability is limited to initial embark, final disembark and emergency situations only.   4. Medical Department wheelchairs and ambulatory devices are designated for emergency use only.   5. The medical facility has a stair chair, which is available to transport a Guest in case of an emergency evacuation. |
|  | **Supplemental Oxygen**   * 1. Guests requiring supplemental oxygen administration will be required to comply with the following: * Approval to embark is at the discretion of the VIKAND Medical Management Team * Guests must provide their own oxygen cylinders, to last throughout the length of the voyage * Liquid oxygen is strictly prohibited due to safety concerns * Concentrators must be checked by the Engineering Department and approved for use onboard * Should the itinerary length prohibit the initial on-loading of enough oxygen cylinders, the Guest must make their own arrangements for additional cylinders or refills at a port of their choice * Cylinders must have the capability of being stored securely, upright, in a fixed system for the duration of the itinerary * Guests will be reminded of the hazardous nature of the supplemental oxygen, and must agree to the tanks being stored in a secure area * The Guest will be permitted only one tank in their cabin at a time * Guests must provide their own accessories including:   + Cannula or mask   + Wrench and tools required for initiation of a new cylinder   + All connection accessories required to attach tubing to cylinder and access the flow of oxygen   + Wheeled carrier for locomotion and mobility throughout the ship and ashore, or appropriate wheelchair connection to hold the cylinder |
|  | **Dialysis**   * 1. **Peritoneal Dialysis** * Guests requiring peritoneal dialysis will be permitted to board, provided they have complied with the guidelines set forth below at the discretion of the VIKAND Medical Management Team.   + The Guest is required to travel with a companion who will operate and monitor the dialysis equipment necessary for treatment   + The Guest must provide attestation from their Nephrologist that includes both a current clinical summary for the onboard Medical Staff as well as a statement regarding their companion’s capability to provide dialysis on board   + This includes set up of all equipment, monitoring throughout treatment, and appropriate post-treatment monitoring and supply/equipment clean up   + The Guest and the companion must be well versed in troubleshooting any equipment utilized in the performance of the dialysis treatment   + Peritoneal dialysis treatment is to be carried out in the Guest’s cabin   + The Guest must bring all the necessary equipment and supplies needed for the duration of the itinerary   + Should the itinerary length prohibit the initial on-loading of enough supplies, the Guest must make their own arrangements for additional supplies and replenishment at the Port of their choice * The Guest and/or companion must be aware and certify their understanding that the medical capabilities onboard are limited, and that the Medical Staff will not participate in the management or rendering of dialysis treatment, unless required to intervene and provide services on an emergency basis   1. **Hemodialysis** * Marella Cruises medical facility is not equipped to offer hemodialysis to Guests or Crew onboard. |
|  | **IV Infusion Therapy**   * 1. Guests requiring periodic IV Infusion Therapy will be considered for embarkation at the discretion of the VIKAND Medical Management Team.   2. Infusion therapy is to be carried out in the Guest’s cabin unless prior arrangements are made for assistance by the Medical Center.   3. If medical assistance is required, IV infusion treatment may be carried out in the Medical Center and with assistance from the Doctor and/or Nurse, with prior approval from VIKAND Medical Solutions or the Captain.   4. If specific medical assistance is not required from the Medical Staff, the Guest is required to travel with a companion who will operate and monitor the infusion equipment necessary for treatment.   5. The Guest must also provide attestation from their treating Doctor that states that their companion possesses the capability of providing IV infusion treatment on board. * This includes set up of all equipment, monitoring throughout treatment, and appropriate post-treatment monitoring and supply/equipment clean up   1. The Guest and their companion must be well versed in troubleshooting any equipment utilized in the performance of their IV Infusion treatment.   2. The Guest must bring all the necessary equipment and supplies needed for the duration of the itinerary.   3. Should the itinerary length prohibit the initial on-loading of enough supplies, the Guest must make their own arrangements for additional supplies and replenishment at the Port of their choice.   4. Guests and/or their companion must be aware and certify their understanding that medical care onboard is limited |
|  | **References**  ACEP Cruise Ship Medicine Section  CLIA |
|  | **Definitions**  ACEP – American College |