

**INFORMATION FOR UMO WATCH STANDERS**

1. The entire Submarine and Medical Force can and may read your response.
2. Utilize your local MTF or DHA ADVISOR Line. These are useful tools to solicit quick specialist opinions to assist with decision making. The ADVISOR phone number is (833) 238-7756 or DSN: 312-429-9089. Additionally, PATH DHA Global Telecon Portal may be used. Please create an account via <https://path.tamc.amedd.army.mil>
3. Clarity and brevity are important.
4. The Submarine Watch Officer (SWO) may forward the message to your work and/or personal email. Your reply will be formalized by the SWO and transmitted appropriately.
5. Be specific on medications, doses, and routes of administration.
6. When speaking with the SWO, they will NOT use the unit's name, nor should you. You can ask them "when is the next routine opportunity to get them off?" They can usually give you a general idea.
7. Remember the limitations of medical resources underway. Contact SUBPAC Medical for an AMAL list PRN.
8. If in doubt, ask for more info, the SWO may be able to come up in chat if the ship is still communicating.
9. Your recommendation for MEDEVAC will be weighed against the mission of the boat. This will often require a discussion with SUBPAC OPS. You should involve the Force Surgeon or other Senior UMO in that discussion. Generally, threats to life, limb, or eyesight are indications for Emergency MEDEVAC.
10. To best help OPS, use standardized language to imply the urgency for higher role level care.

Use the three following:

- **IMMEDIATE MEDEVAC:** Right now!!!! The risk of transfer (helo/small boat) is outweighed by the risk to the patient if care is delayed.
- **ASAP MEDEVAC:** (get PT off the boat within hours (up to 48))
- **Next Routine Opportunity:** (at earliest convenient time for boat)

***\*\*DO NOT USE IMMEDIATE UNLESS YOU MEAN IT\*\****

In the event the COMSUBPAC Force Surgeon is unavailable, the duty UMO may be called upon to perform additional duties. You may be required to brief SUBPAC or the Chief of Staff. HMCM Atkinson or HMC Jenkins will assist you in such matters by providing you with pertinent daily medical and administrative message traffic. Call my office for assistance: 808-473-1479 or 5788.

  
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