

CHAPTER 5

STATIONS TRANSMITTING MEDICAL ADVICE

500A. General

This chapter is to assist ships at sea, with no medical personnel embarked, experiencing a medical emergency onboard. The text of any message should be formatted in plain language and should describe the medical emergency as follows:

- General description of medical resources.
- Name of next port of call.
- List of ports visited where exotic or infectious diseases could have been contracted.
- Patient data:
 - Sex.
 - Age.
 - Clinical antecedents.
 - Vital signs (temperature in degrees centigrade).
 - Symptoms.
 - Presumed cause of illness or accident.
 - Observations.

If language is a limiting factor, the International Code of Signals (NVPUB102) can be used by itself, or in

conjunction with English or another language specified by the coast station called.

Messages are generally addressed RADIOMEDICAL followed by the name of the coast station to which the message is sent. The priority of the message should depend on the severity of the ailment. In extreme emergency the urgency signal (XXX or PAN PAN) should precede the address on the address line (example: XXX RADIOMEDICAL HALIFAX RADIO).

Messages are sent using distress and safety frequencies (See chapter 4.) by radiotelegraphy, radiotelephony, or Inmarsat

500B. Station List

Detailed information concerning stations transmitting medical advice is contained in the List of Radiodetermination and Special Service Stations of the International Telecommunication Union. A brief listing of medical advice stations, alphabetical by country, follows.

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For all addresses in this table, the letters "XXX" are for use in radiotelegraphy; they are replaced by the words "Pan Pan Pan" in radiotelephony.				
5010	Algeria	XXX RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Algiers (7TA). Annaba (7TB). Oran (7TO).	Message must be in English or French.
5020	Argentina	Ministry of Social Welfare and Public Health. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	General Pacheco (LPD)(LPL).	Message must be in Spanish plain language. It should include patient's sex, age, medical history and symptoms. Message must be signed by the Master. This service assumes no liability.
5030	Australia	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Any coast radio station.	Message should include patient's symptoms and description of ship's medical chest. It must be signed by the Master. Medical advice can be obtained on Inmarsat-A and -C via Perth, code 32, and medevac assistance on Inmarsat-A and -C via Perth, code 38.
5050	Bahrain	Health Officer, Bahrain.	Bahrain (A9M).	
5060	Bangladesh	Medical Services, Port Health Officer, Chittagong. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Chittagong (S3D).	Message should include description of patient's symptoms and description of ship's medical chest. It must be signed by the Master.
5070	Barbados	Health Officer, Barbados.	Barbados (8PO).	
5080	Belgium	RADIOMEDICAL Oostende. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Oostende (OST).	Message must be in Dutch, English, French or German. It should include description of ship's medical chest and patient's symptoms, age, sex, vital signs and medical history. Message must be signed by the Master.
5090	Benin	XXX RADIOMEDICAL Cotonou.	Cotonou (TYA).	Message must be in French. It should include description of ship's medical chest and patient's symptoms, age, sex, vital signs and medical history. Message must be signed by the Master.
5100	Bermuda	Health Officer, Bermuda.	Bermuda Radio (VRT)(ZBM).	
5101	Burma	Medical Service, Rangoon.	Rangoon (XYR).	
5110	Cameroon	XXX RADIOMEDICAL Douala.	Douala (TJC).	Message must be in French. This service assumes no liability.
5120	Canada	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Any coast radio station.	Message must be signed by the Master.
5130	Chile	MEDICO; station call sign. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Antofagasta (CBA). Magallanes (CBM). Talcahuano (CBT). Valparaiso (CBV).	
5140	China	MEDICO; station call sign. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Dalian (XSZ). Guangzhou (XSQ). Qingdao (XST). Shanghai XSG). Tianjin (XSV).	
5141	Comoros	RADIOMEDICAL Dzaoudzi.	Dzaoudzi (FJN).	Message must be in English or French.
5150	Congo	XXX RADIOMEDICAL Pointe Noire.	Pointe Noire (TNA).	Message must be in French. This service assumes no liability.
5160	Costa Rica	DH MEDICO Limon.	Limon (TIM).	
5165	Croatia	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Any coast radio station.	Message should include patient's age, sex, medical history, symptoms and vital signs and description of ship's medical chest.

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5170	Cuba	DH MEDICO; station call sign.	Habana (CLA)(CLT). Santiago De Cuba (CLM).	
5180	Cyprus	MEDICO DMO Nicosia.	Cyprus (5BA).	
5190	Denmark	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Blaavand (OXB). Lyngby (OXZ). Ronne (OYE). Skagen (OXP). Torshavn (OXJ).	Message must be in Danish, English, French, German, Norwegian or Swedish. It should include ship's name and position and patient's symptoms and vital signs. Message must be signed by the Master.
5200	Djibouti	Service Quarantenaire Djibouti (J2A). In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Djibouti (J2A).	Message must be in English or French. This service assumes no liability.
5210	Dominican Republic	RADIOMEDICO Santo Domingo Piloto.	Santo Domingo Piloto (HIA).	
5220	Egypt	XXX RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Alexandria (SUH). Kosseir (SUK).	Message must be signed by the Master. This service assumes no liability.
5245	Fiji Islands	RADIOMEDICAL Suva.	Suva (3DP).	
5250	Finland	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Any coast radio station except Kemi, Turku or Port.	Message must be in English, Finnish or Swedish. It should include patient's symptoms and cause of illness. Message must be signed by the Master. Consultations with doctors of central hospitals of Helsinki and Turku University are free of charge. Other doctors consulted set their own fees.
5260	France	XXX RADIOMEDICAL; name of CROSS/Sous-CROSS station.	Any coast radio station or CROSS/Sous-CROSS station. CCMM telex: 530333F telephone: 33 5 61 49 33 33	Message must be in French, English, or International Code (NVPUB 102). The French Center for Maritime Medicine (CCMM) is part of the Urgent Medical Aid Service (SAMU) in Toulouse and is available continuously to give advice to ships at sea. After analyzing the patient's situation, CCMM advises the ship's Master of the recommended treatment: Type 1 - treatment onboard without altering voyage. Type 2 - treatment onboard with change of voyage plan. Type 3 - urgent evacuation without doctor (EVA-SAN). Type 4 - urgent evacuation with doctor (EVA-MED). Type 5 - onboard transfer of medical team followed by evacuation. For treatment types 3, 4, and 5 (interventions by CCMM), the Master is advised to send his request by telex or radiotelephone to the nearest CROSS station; Etel and La Garde CROSS stations specialize in providing medical advice. CCMM can be contacted by: (1) Radiotelephone via any CROSS or Sous-CROSS station or coast radio station. (2) Radiotelex (MED+) via any coast radio station. (3) Inmarsat telephone call using code 38.
5290	Gambia	Health Officer, Banjul.	Banjul (C5G).	
5300	Germany	Funkarzt; station call sign. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Any coast radio station.	Message must be in English or German.
5320	Ghana	Port Health Officer, Takoradi.	Takoradi (9GA).	
5330	Greece	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Any coast radio station.	Message must be in English, French or Greek. This service assumes no liability.
5340	Greenland	RADIOMEDICAL Julianehab.	Qaqortoq (OXF).	Message must be in Danish, English, French, German, Norwegian or Swedish.

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5350	Guadeloupe	XXX RADIOMEDICAL Pointe-a-Pitre.	Pointe-a-Pitre (FFQ).	Message must be in French.
5360	Guinea	XXX RADIOMEDICAL Conakry.	Conakry (3XC).	Message must be in French. It should include patient's symptoms, age, sex, vital signs and medical history. This service assumes no liability. Conakry guards 2182 kHz 0700-1900 and 3 minutes at the beginning of every hour 2000-2200.
5370	Guyana	Health Officer, Georgetown.	Demerara (8RB).	
5380	Hong Kong (China)	Porthealth Hong Kong.	Hong Kong (VRX).	
5390	India	Medical service; station call sign. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Any coast radio station.	Message should include patient's symptoms and description of ship's medical chest. It must be signed by the Master.
5400	Indonesia	RADIOMEDICAL Jayapura. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Jayapura (PNK).	Message must be in Dutch or English. It should include description of ship's medical chest and patient's sex, age, medical history, symptoms and vital signs. Message must be signed by the Master.
5410	Iraq	Port Medical Officer, Ma'aqal. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Basrah Control (YIR).	
5420	Ireland	(No specific format).	Any coast radio station.	If a doctor from shore is wanted, the request should be addressed as a radiotelegram to the medical officer of the nearest convenient port.
5430	Israel	MEDICO Haifa. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Haifa (4XO).	Message must be signed by the Master. This service assumes no liability.
5440	Italy	MEDRAD CIRM Roma.	Any coast radio station. The following coast radio stations will relay messages to CIRM: Italian coast radio stations (asking for CIRM) (address: MEDRAD CIRM Roma). USCG stations (Atlantic and Gulf coasts) (address: DH MEDICO CIRM Roma). USCG stations (Pacific coast) (address: DH MEDICO CIRM Roma via PREWI). CIRM can be contacted 24 hours by: telephone: 39 06 592 3331/3332 facsimile: 39 06 592 3333 telex*: 043 612068 CIRM I (both satellite or radio telex) E-mail: telesoccorso@cirm.it Website: www.cirm.it Maritec system	The International Radio Medical Center (CIRM) provides 24-hour free radio medical assistance to patients onboard vessels of any nationality anywhere in the world. CIRM can also decide and coordinate, wherever possible, the Medevac of a patient from a vessel by naval craft or helicopter, cooperating mainly with National MRCCs and if necessary with other rescue organizations, such as the USCG. Message must be in English, French or Italian. When requesting radio medical assistance, the vessel should communicate the following information regarding: the vessel: (a) Vessel's name/call sign. (b) Position, port of departure and destination, ETA, route and speed. (c) Medicine chest available. the patient: (d) Name, age and nationality. (e) Temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiratory rates. (f) Patient's symptoms, location and type of pains, and any relevant information concerning the illness. (g) Other medical problems, with special reference to drug or other allergies, chronic illness and their treatment. (h) In case of accident, in addition to the symptoms, where and how the accident occurred. (i) Treatment already administered to the patient.
*NOTE: Requests via telex should be addressed MEDRAD or DH MEDICO to obtain priority of transmission.				
5450	Ivory Coast	XXX RADIOMEDICAL Abidjan.	Abidjan (TUA).	Message must be in French. It should include patient's age, sex, symptoms, medical history and vital signs. Message must be signed by the Master. This service assumes no liability. Abidjan guards 2182 kHz, but only distress and safety traffic are handled 2000-0800.
5460	Jamaica	Health Office, Kingston.	Kingston (6YI).	

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5470	Japan	MDC; station call sign and hospital name if applicable. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Any coast radio station. The following hospitals also respond under the call signs listed: NKEB - Kobe Moji Nagasaki Nagoya Osaka Otaru Shiogama Tokyo Yokohama SHKB - Osaka Tokyo Yokohama Japanese vessels with doctors aboard will also respond to requests for medical advice (address: ship's Master).	Message must be in English, French, German or Japanese. It must be signed by the Master.
5480	Kenya	Medical Port Health Officer, Mombasa.	Mombasa (5ZF).	Message must be signed by the Master.
5485	Latvia	(No specific format).	Riga (UKB).	
5500	Madagascar	XXX RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Antseranana (5RL). Mahajango (5RO). Taomasina (5RS). Toliara (5RT).	Message must be in English, French or Malagasy. This service assumes no liability.
5510	Malaysia	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Kelang (9MP). Kota Kinbalu (9WH). Kuantan (9MK). Kuching (9WW20). Miri (9WW21). Pinang (9MG). Sandakan (9WH21).	Message should include patient's symptoms and description of ship's medical chest.
5520	Malta	Medical Officer, Malta.	Malta (9HD).	
5540	Martinique	XXX RADIOMEDICAL Fort de France Radio.	Fort de France (FFP).	Message must be in French. This service assumes no liability.
5541	Mauritius	Superintendent, Victoria Hospital, Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius.	Mauritius (3BA).	Message must be in English or French.
5542	Monaco	(No specific format).	Monaco (3AC).	Message must be in English, French or Italian.
5550	Morocco	XXX RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Agadir (CND). Casablanca (CNP). Safi (CND3). Tangier (CNW).	Message must be in French. This service assumes no liability.
5560	Namibia	Porthealth, Walvis Bay.	Walvis Bay (ZSV).	Message must be in International Code (NVPUB 102) supplemented, if necessary, with Afrikaans or English. It should include patient's symptoms and brief description of ship's medical chest. This service assumes no liability.
5565	Nauru	RADIOMEDICAL Nauru.	Nauru (C2N).	

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5570	Netherlands	Radio Medical Advice (RMA).	Netherlands Coastguard Radio (PBK).	<p>Message must be in Dutch or English.</p> <p>Radiotelephone (VHF)-Sea Area A1: (a) Call Netherlands Coastguard Radio (PBK) on VHF DSC Ch. 70 MMSI 002442000 or Ch. 16. (b) State vessel's name, callsign and position, and ask for Medical Advice. (c) The vessel will be assigned a VHF working channel (Ch. 23 or 83) and connected to the duty RMA doctor. (d) Use the Radio Medical Advice questionnaire to give the doctor clear information.</p> <p>Radiotelephone (MF)-Sea Area A2: (a) Call Netherlands Coastguard Radio (PBK) on MF DSC 2187.5 kHz MMSI 002442000 requesting a transfer to 2182 kHz. (b) After establishing contact on 2182 kHz state vessel's name, callsign and position, and ask for Medical Advice. (c) The vessel will be assigned a working frequency and connected to the duty RMA doctor. (d) Use the Radio Medical Advice questionnaire to give the doctor clear information.</p> <p>Inmarsat-A/-B/-M Telephone (via Burum-Station 12): (a) Contact Station 12 by entering code 12. (b) For priority use code 32-Medical Advice or code 38-Medical Evacuation. (c) State vessel's name, Inmarsat number and position. (d) Vessel will be connected to the duty RMA doctor. (e) Use the Radio Medical Advice questionnaire to give the doctor clear information.</p> <p>Inmarsat-A/-B/-C Telex* (via Burum-Station 12): (a) Contact Station 12 by entering code 12. (b) For priority use code 32-Medical Advice or code 38-Medical Evaluation.</p>
<p>*NOTE: For Inmarsat -A/-B Telex, the vessel will be automatically relayed to the RMA computer and will receive the host (MEDIC SERVICE NL). Vessel's host will be called in. Send the message and end with: NNNN. Disconnect but do not switch off the Inmarsat terminal as the RMA computer will automatically send a reply from the doctor.</p> <p>For Inmarsat-C Telex, the vessel will be automatically relayed to the store and forward system of Station 12. Send the message and end with: NNNN. Disconnect but do not switch off the Inmarsat terminal as the RMA computer will automatically send a reply from the doctor.</p>				
5580	Netherland Antilles	RADIOMEDICUS Curacao.	Curacao (PJC).	Message should include description of ship's medical chest, last/next ports of call and patient's age, sex, symptoms, vital signs and medical history. It must be signed by the Master.
5590	New Caledonia	RADIOMEDICAL Noumea.	Noumea (FJP).	Message must be in French. It should include patient's symptoms and description of ship's medical chest. Message must be signed by the Master.
5600	New Zealand	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Taupo Maritime Radio (ZLM).	Message should include patient's symptoms and description of ship's medical chest. It must be signed by the Master.
5610	Nigeria	Health Officer, Lagos.	Lagos (5OW).	
5620	Norway	(No specific format).	Any coast radio station.	Message must be in Danish, English, German, Norwegian or Swedish.
5630	Oman	Health Officer, Muscat.	Muscat (A4M).	
5640	Pakistan	Medical Services, Port Health Officer, Karachi. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Karachi (ASK).	Message should include patient's symptoms and description of ship's medical chest. It must be signed by the Master.
5650	Panama	DH MEDICO.	Canal (HPN60)	Canal guards 500 kHz.
5660	Papua New Guinea	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Port Moresby (P2M). Rabaul (P2R).	
5665	Peru	Centro Medico Naval Callao.	Callao (OBC3).	Message must be in Spanish. It should include patient's sex, age, symptoms, medical history and vital signs, description of ship's medical chest, position and next port of call.

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5670	Philippines	MEDICO Manila.	Manila (DZR).	
5680	Poland	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Gdynia (SPC)(SPH). Szczecin (SPE)(SPO). Witowo (SPN)(SPS).	Message must be in English or Polish.
5690	Portugal	XXX RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Lisboa (CUL). Madeira (CUB). Sao Miguel (CUG).	Message must be in English, French or Portuguese. It should include cause and symptoms of illness. Message must be signed by the Master. This service assumes no liability.
5705	Russia	(No specific format).	Arkhangel'sk (UGE). Murmansk (UMN). St. Petersburg (UDB). Vladivostok (UIK).	Message must be in English or Russian.
5710	Reunion Island	XXX RADIOMEDICAL St. Denis.	St. Denis (FFD).	Message must be in French. This service assumes no liability.
5720	St. Helena	Medical Officer, St. Helena.	St. Helena (ZHH).	
5725	St. Pierre and Miquelon	RADIOMEDICAL St. Pierre.	St. Pierre (TXU).	Message must be in French.
5730	Saudi Arabia	(No specific format).	Dammam (HZG). Jiddah (HZH). Ra's Tannurah (HZY).	Stations guard 500 kHz.
5740	Senegal	XXX RADIOMEDICAL Dakar.	Dakar (6VA).	Message must be in French. It should include patient's age, sex, medical history, vital signs and symptoms. Dakar guards 2182 kHz, but only distress and safety traffic are handled 2000-0800.
5741	Seychelles	Health Officer, Seychelles.	Seychelles (S7Q).	
5750	Sierra Leone	Health Officer, Freetown.	Freetown (9LL).	
5755	Singapore	RADIOMEDICAL Singapore.	Singapore (9VG).	
5760	Slovenia	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Any coast radio station.	Message should include patient's age, sex, medical history, symptoms and vital signs and description of ship's medical chest.
5770	South Africa	Porthealth; station call sign.	Capetown (ZSC). Durban (ZSD). East London (ZSA). Port Elizabeth (ZSQ). Richards Bay (ZSU).	Message must be in International Code (NVPUB 102) supplemented, if necessary, with Afrikaans or English. It should include patient's symptoms and description of ship's medical chest. This service assumes no liability.
5780	Yemen Aden	Health Officer, Aden.	Aden (7OA).	
5790	Spain	MEDRAD; station call sign. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Any coast radio station.	Message must be in Spanish or International Code (NVPUB 102).
5800	Sri Lanka	Medical Service, Colombo. In urgent cases the prefix "XXX" may be used.	Colombo (4PB).	Message should include patient's symptoms and description of ship's medical chest. It must be signed by the Master.
5810	Suriname	Medical Advice, Director of Health, Paramaribo.	Paramaribo (PZN).	Message should include description of ship's medical chest and patient's sex, age, symptoms and medical history. It must be signed by the Master.
5820	Sweden	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Any coast radio station except Tingstade (SAE).	Message must be in English, French, German or Swedish.
5820.5	Svalbard	(No specific format).	Svalbard (LGS). Ny-Alesund (LJN).	Message must be in Danish, English, German, Norwegian or Swedish (French over radiotelegraph only).
5821	Switzerland	RADIOMEDICAL Bern.	Bern (HEB)(HEC).	Message may be in English, but preferably in French or German.
5822	Tahiti	RADIOMEDICAL Mahina.	Mahina (FJA).	Message must be in English or French.

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5823	Tonga	RADIOMEDICAL Nukualofa.	Nukualofa (A3A).	
5824	Togo	RADIOMEDICAL Lome.	Lome (5VA).	Message must be in French.
5840	Tunisia	XXX RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Bizerte (3VB). Mahdia (3VM). Sfax (3VS). Tunis (3VX)(3VT).	Message must be in French.
5845	Ukraine	(No specific format).	Odessa (UDE).	
5850	United Kingdom	(No specific format).	Any coast radio station.	<p>Radiotelephone (VHF): Vessels should call on DSC Ch. 70 or on VHF Ch. 16 and will be directed to a working channel. After contact is established on the working channel, the vessel will be connected to a casualty doctor by simplex radiotelephone.</p> <p>Radiotelephone (MF): After an initial call on DSC 2187.5 kHz using the Urgency priority and contact is established on 2182 kHz, the vessel will be assigned a working frequency. After contact is established on the working frequency, the vessel will be connected to a casualty doctor by simplex radiotelephone. Alternatively, vessels may call direct on 2182 kHz.</p> <p>Inmarsat-A/-B/-M/Mini-M Telephone (via Goonhilly): Vessels should use code 32 for medical advice and will be automatically connected to a doctor. Vessels requiring urgent medical assistance should use code 38 and will be automatically connected to the HM Coast Guard.</p>
5860	United States (Atlantic and Gulf)	DH MEDICO; station call sign; group count (number of words in message).	<p>Massachusetts: Boston (NMF), USCG.</p> <p>Virginia: CAMSLANT Chesapeake (Portsmouth) (NMN), USCG.</p> <p>Alabama: Mobile Radio (WLO), Mobile Marine Radio, Inc.</p> <p>Florida: Miami (NMA), USCG.</p> <p>Louisiana: New Orleans (NMG), USCG.</p>	<p>Telephone calls from ships to doctors or hospitals are handled as regular phone calls in accordance with legally applicable tariffs. Ships requesting medical advice with no specific telephone number will be connected by the USCG. No charge is made for the call when the ship states it is an emergency involving the safety of life or property at sea. Message must be signed by the Master.</p> <p>Messages transmitted to a USCG station are routed to the nearest medical facility. This service (inquiry and reply) is free of charge.</p> <p>Numerous USCG stations continuously guard 2182 kHz (USB) and 156.8 MHz (VHF-FM) and will facilitate the provision of medical advice through their associated Rescue Coordination Center (RCC).</p> <p>The use of the signal "CQ" from the International Code (NVPUB 102) for medical messages is discouraged.</p>
5861	United States (Great Lakes)	DH MEDICO; station call sign; group count (number of words in message).		<p>Telephone calls from ships to doctors or hospitals are handled as regular phone calls in accordance with legally applicable tariffs. ships requesting medical advice with no specific telephone number will be connected by the USCG. No charge is made for the call when the ship states it is an emergency involving the safety of life or property at sea. Messages must be signed by the Master.</p> <p>Messages transmitted to a USCG station are routed to the nearest medical facility. This service (inquiry and reply) is free of charge.</p> <p>Numerous USCG stations continuously guard 2182 kHz (USB) and 156.8 MHz (VHF-FM) and will facilitate the provision of medical advice through their associated Rescue Coordination Center (RCC).</p> <p>The use of the signal "CQ" from the International Code (NVPUB 102) for medical messages is discouraged.</p>

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5862	United States (Pacific)	DH MEDICO; station call sign; group count (number of words in message).	Alaska: Kodiak (NOJ), USCG. Washington: Seattle (KLB), Mobile Marine Radio, Inc. California: CAMSPAC Point Reyes (San Francisco) (NMC), USCG. Hawaii: Honolulu (NMO), USCG. Mariana Islands: Guam (NRV), USCG.	Telephone calls from ships to doctors or hospitals are handled as regular phone calls in accordance with legally applicable tariffs. Ships requesting medical advice with no specific telephone number will be connected by the USCG. No charge is made for the call when the ship states it is an emergency involving the safety of life or property at sea. Message must be signed by the Master. Messages transmitted to a USCG station are routed to the nearest medical facility. This service (inquiry and reply) is free of charge. Numerous USCG stations continuously guard 2182 kHz (USB) and 156.8 MHz (VHF-FM) and will facilitate the provision of medical advice through their associated Rescue Coordination Center (RCC). The use of the signal "CQ" from the International Code (NVPUB 102) for medical messages is discouraged.
5866	Uruguay	Montevideo Trouville (CWC39).	Any coast radio station.	Message must be in International Code (NVPUB 102).
5868	Vietnam	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Ho Chi Minh Ville (XVS). Haiphong (XVG).	
5880	Yugoslavia	RADIOMEDICAL; station call sign.	Any coast radio station.	Message should include patient's age, sex, medical history, symptoms and vital signs and description of ship's medical chest.