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**Maritime Circular to Maritime Registrars, Shipowners, Masters, Managers & Operators of  
St. Kitts & Nevis Ships, Classification Societies, Recognised Organisations, Recognised  
Security Organisations, Surveyors of Ships & Flag State Inspectors to this Administration,  
Seafarers & IMO Member States**

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**THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO MEDICAL CENTRE (CIRM)**

The International Radio Medical Centre (CIRM), provides round the clock, free radio medical assistance to patients onboard ships flying any flag, all over the world.

Their website is available at [www.cirm.it](http://www.cirm.it) .

CIRM can also decide and co-ordinate, wherever possible, the evacuation of a patient from a ship, by naval craft or helicopter, co-operating with National Marine Rescue Co-ordination Centres (MRCC), and other rescue organisations.

An extract from CIRM's website, which gives their contact details and other information, is attached to this circular letter.

Owners & Managers should ensure their masters are aware of this service in the case of a medical emergency onboard a ship.

Yours truly,

**Nigel E Smith**  
*International Registrar of Shipping and Seamen*

The International Radio Medical Centre (C.I.R.M.) provides round-the clock free radio-medical assistance to patients inboard ships flying any flag all over the world.

C.I.R.M. can also decide and coordinate, wherever possible, the evacuation of a patient from a ship by naval craft or helicopter, cooperating mainly with National Marine Rescue Coordination Centre (M.R.C.C.) and if necessary with other rescue organisations eg. the U.S. Coast Guard.

**Remember all medical assistance provided by C.I.R.M. is completely free of charge**

<b>Telex</b>	612068 C.I.R.M. I
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<b>Fax</b>	[+39 ] - 06.5923333
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<b>Italian Radio Coastal Stations</b>	asking for C.I.R.M.

Requests via telex should be labelled MEDRAD or DH MEDICO to obtain priority of transmission.

**We suggest calling C.I.R.M. promptly in all cases of ill or injured persons, possibly before administering any medicines.**

C.I.R.M. can also be contacted for advice on various other important matters like malarial prophylaxis, infectious and sexually transmitted diseases, vaccination requirement etc., etc.

#### **WHEN REQUESTING RADIO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

##### **Regarding the ship:**

- ▶ name, international call sign.
- ▶ Position, port of departure, destination, expected time of arrival.
- ▶ Medicine chest available on board.

##### **Regarding the patient:**

- ▶ Date of birth, nationality, rank
- ▶ temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiratory rates.
- ▶ Onset the symptoms, accurate description of symptoms, location of pain, associated symptoms.
- ▶ Other medical problems of the patient, with special reference to drug or other allergies, chronic illness and their eventual treatment.
- ▶ In case of accident, where and how it took place.
- ▶ Therapy already administered to the patient.

#### **FURTHER RECCOMENDATIONS**

Keep the medicine chest always efficient and checked regularly before departure from every port, replacing immediately exhausted or expired stocks.

If possible do not administer any medicines before consulting C.I.R.M.

**Call C.I.R.M. as soon as possible : a trivial symptom may be the onset of a more serious problem; a free medical consultation is always warranted.**