

Medical Risk DAG Narrative

The Medical Risk boils down to two parts – First, what medical conditions/events are going to happen in a given mission. Second, what can be done to decrease the likelihood (prevention) or the consequence (treatment) of those events.

- For the first part: Total Medical Events are made up of three categories – Environmental Injuries, Traumatic Injuries, and Medical Illnesses.
 - **Environmental Injury** likelihood is affected by Environmental Conditions (and other Environmental Risks), EVAs, and **Vehicle** and **Suit Designs**. **Individual Factors** inform the bio-variability in response to environmental insults.
 - Traumatic Injury likelihood is affected by EVAs, Vehicle and Suit Designs, and other risks (Bone fracture, Dynamic Loads, Crew Egress, Muscle and Aerobic (Risks)).
 - **Medical Illness** likelihood is affected by other risks and **Individual Factors**.

Each of these categories can affect mission level outcomes, especially if not planned for. This is why there is a second part – What can we do about it?

- For the second part: The **Crew Health and Performance System** provides for a variety of capabilities intended to mitigate medical risk. These include **Medical Prevention Capabilities** (designed to decrease likelihood of conditions) and **Medical Treatment Capabilities** (designed to decrease the consequence of conditions that have occurred). Deciding on what treatment to provide is an information dependent process that requires **Physiologic** and **Environmental Monitoring Capabilities** and **Diagnostic Capabilities**. These are closely linked to a **Data Architecture** and depend on **Data Accessibility** to inform the correct **Treatment Decision**. If an incorrect **Treatment Decision** is reached, risk is not mitigated, and it may be increased. **Diagnostic** and **Treatment Capabilities** are dependent on the **On-Board Expertise**, **Ground Support**, **Training**, **Resource Availability**, and **Data Architecture** provided by the **Crew Health and Performance System**.
- **Resource Availability** is dependent on **Resupply**. **Ground Support** is dependent on **Communication Factors** including communications delay. Both of these are dependent on **Distance from Earth**.

