

Clinical Finding Form (CLiFF)

Branch

Baseline

ICL44_Eva Related Paresthesia

Paresthesia occurs when sustained pressure has been applied over a nerve inhibiting or stimulating its function. Removing the pressure will typically result in gradual relief of the paresthesia, often described as a "pins and needles" feeling. Persistent paresthesia in the EVA setting is often a symptom of compressive neuropathy of peripheral nerves. The most frequently observed are of the digital, ulnar, median, supra-clavicular, and peroneal nerves. These usually resolve within 3 to 45 days (NASA, Paresthesias Secondary to Extravehicular Activity CLiFF, 2017). Numerous conditions can lead to paresthesia post-EVA, including pressure on neurovascular structures, hyperventilation, DCS, and electrolyte imbalances. (NASA, Paresthesias Secondary to Extravehicular Activity CLiFF, 2017) This CLiFF only considers paresthesia secondary to EVA suit pressure points.

INCIDENCE DATA INCLUDED IN THE MODEL

The model imports the following incidence information from the MEDPRAT Evidence Library Database: incidence data category, space adaption status, EVA status, incidence data type, incidence and occurrence distribution data and incidence data characteristics. Data category defines the type of data available for incidence calculations (i.e. raw data vs. adjusted data). Space adaptation identifies medical events that where onset occurs in the first 5-7 days of flight and does not reoccur. EVA-related incidence values identify medical events that occur only during an EVA. Incidence values types vary by data category and define the number of medical events per person-year (rates) or medical events per person at-risk (proportion) for each medical condition. Incidence values can be modified by crew characteristics such as gender sex and certain crew medical history characteristics. Modifying characteristics are noted below and incidence values are listed individually for each characteristic. Distributions are assigned to medical events incidence values and occurrences in the model. For each crewmember in a given trial, the incidence and number of occurrences of each medical condition are randomly selected from these probability distributions. Detailed descriptions of the distributions are included in the MEDPRAT Technical Description Document.

INCIDENCE DATA

SPACEFLIGHT LITERATURE

The former IMM CLiFF reports 53 paresthesia events related to EVA in 414 persons at risk. This includes data from both the 2010 and 2017 LSAH data pulls. Antonsen et al, 2017 corroborates the initial 26 cases from the 2010 LSAH data pull but does not include information from the 2017 LSAH data pull.

ANALOG LITERATURE

Published literature from EVA test-runs in the NBL is not specific to paresthesia. It focuses on "hot spots" caused by pressure injuries that result in contusions, abrasions, and pain other than paresthesia (Strauss, 2004). The incidence of these injuries is covered by a separate condition, "ICL46 EVA Suit Contact Injury."

TERRESTRIAL LITERATURE

It was assumed that terrestrial data would be inadequate for providing input that drives the incidence of this spaceflight specific condition. No terrestrial data searches were performed.

OVERALL INCIDENCE SUMMARY

INCIDENCE

Mean: 0.1298
SD: 0.01657

INCIDENCE SUMMARY

The incidence for this condition was informed by the prior IMM CLiFF (53 events over 414 person-EVAs. IP: 0.128 (95%CI: 0.0974, 0.1641)) (NASA, Paresthesias Secondary to Extravehicular Activity CLiFF, 2017). The posterior distribution for the incidence proportion given the spaceflight data of 53 events over 414 person-EVAs under an uninformative prior is Beta(shape1=53.268, shape2=357.12) with mean 0.1298 and SD 0.01657.

TABLE 1. INCIDENCE MODEL

Incidence Details

Incidence Type

EVA

Segment

EVA All

Env. Exposure

NA

Sex

Any

Crowns

Any

Contacts

Any

Pregnancy

Any

Incidence Distribution

Occurrence Dist

Binomial

Incidence Dist.

Beta

Mean

0.129799

SD

0.0165699

Beta

(Alpha): 53.268

(Beta): 357.12

TABLE 2. INCIDENCE LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE (LOC)

Citation	Source	LOC Value
NASA, Paresthesias Secondary to Extravehicular Activity CLIFF, 2017	Spaceflight	4
Antonsen et al, 2017	Spaceflight	3
Strauss, 2004	Analog	1

The 2017 IMM CLIFF reports 53 paresthesia events related to EVA in 414 persons at risk. This includes data from both the 2010 and 2017 LSAH data pulls. Antonsen et al, 2017 corroborates the initial 26 cases from the 2010 LSAH data pull but does not include information from the 2017 LSAH data pull. Strauss, 2004 is a prospective observational study of EVA related injuries during NBL training runs. It does not specify injuries due to paresthesia.

CREWMEMBER SELECTION/PREVENTION

DISQUALIFYING CONDITIONS

Refer to Medical Evaluation Documents (MED) Volume A, Medical Standards for ISS Crewmembers, International Space Station Program, Rev 3.4 (2016).

PREFLIGHT PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Prevention methods include optimizing suit fit, crew training including avoiding work outside of the normal work envelop, the application of suit padding and pressure absorbing dressings to known affected body areas. (Strauss, 2004)

BEST CASE SCENARIO DEFINITION

Mild paresthesias or local pain from a pressure or EVA suit pressure point, with tingling, numbness, and/or pain that resolves spontaneously.

WORSE CASE SCENARIO DEFINITION

Moderate to severe paresthesia and/or localized pain from a pressure or EVA suit pressure point that may require treatment with analgesics and/or steroids.

CONDITIONS INCLUDED, BUT NOT EXPLICITLY STATED (CNES)

None

BEST CASE/WORST CASE PROBABILITY COMMENTS

Between 2002 and 2007 there were three documented cases of sensory compressive neuropathy (out of 114 reported paresthesias) during EMU NBL space suit training. Two of these involved the radial and median nerves respectfully and were both attributed to nerve compression due to poor glove fit. These resulted in the suspension of NBL training until the glove fit problems were corrected and there was full resolution of the neuropathies. One case involved the peroneal nerve at the dorsal foot and was attributed to a poor boot fit. The boot fit problem was corrected and there was full resolution of the neuropathy. In each case these took approximately 6 weeks to fully resolve. No recurrences were subsequently reported and each crew member went on to complete successful missions including multiple EVAs. These would be consistent with our definition of worst-case scenario. Therefore, the worst-case scenario probability was assigned 3/114 (2.6%) and the best-case scenario probability was assigned 97.4%.

TABLE 3. BEST/WORST CASE PROBABILITY LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE (LOC)

Citation	Source	LOC Value
NASA, Paresthesias Secondary to Extravehicular Activity CLIFF, 2017	Spaceflight	3

The best and worst-case scenario probabilities are informed by the prior IMM CLIFF which stated that 3/114 reported paresthesia episodes from 2002-2007 in the NBL were consistent with a worst-case scenario paresthesia, taking 6 weeks to resolve.

TABLE 4. CLIFF TREATMENT & OUTCOME TABLE BY CLINICAL PHASE

Case Scenario	Composite Incidence	Condition Probability %	CP1: Diagnosis		CP2: Treatment			CP3: Condition End State				
			TI%	Duration	TI%	Duration		TI%	RTDC	LOCL		
			Preset	Preset	Preset	Min	Max	Preset	Min%	Max%	Min%	Max%
Treated Best Case (TBC)	Mean: 0.1298 SD: 0.01657	97 - 97	100	0.1	9.11507	0	24	0	0	0	0	0
Treated Worst Case (TWC)		3 - 3	100	0.27	9.11507	24	168	0	0	0	0	0
Untreated Best Case (UTBC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.1	26.7606	0	24	9.11507	0	0	0	0
Untreated Worst Case (UTWC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.27	29.1257	24	1080	29.1257	0	0	0	0

TABLE 4 KEY

Composite Incidence: The same composite incidence will be used for both TBC and TWC. For EVA conditions: events per EVA (events/EVA). For space adaptation conditions: events per person (events/person). For non-spaceflight conditions: events per person year (events/py).

Condition Probability: The probability that CLIFF condition progresses to a worst case scenario. Best case scenario: 100%-Worst Case.

Clinical Phase General Comments:

- TI% = Task Impairment %. Task Impairment is the % of tasks that the crewmember is incapable of performing without impairment secondary to the medical condition.
- Durations are defined in hours.
- Removal to Definitive Care (RTDC): The probability the entire crew aborts the mission and returns to earth. This is considered as a condition end state result if any of the following criteria are met: 1) the potential for LOCL, 2) potential for significant permanent task impairment, or 3) potential for intractable pain.
- Loss of Crew Life (LOCL): The probability of death of affected crewmember due to medical condition.

Clinical Phase 1: Initial Assessment and Diagnosis:

- Covers only the initial assessment and diagnosis of the affected crewmember to define his or her medical condition. While the affected crewmember is being assessed, he or she is not able to perform any assigned tasks, thus Task Impairment (TI) during this phase is considered 100%. In the untreated case, there is no diagnosis performed, therefore Task Impairment and Duration will always be " not applicable."

Clinical Phase 2: Stabilization, Treatment, and Convalescence:

- The affected crewmember is receiving any appropriate initial or follow-on treatment for his or her medical condition to allow the crewmember to recover as much as he or she is able to recover in the spaceflight environment. Clinical phase 2 also encompasses relapses or recurrences of the same original medical condition in Clinical Phase 1. The duration of Clinical Phase 2 is expressed as minimum and maximum hours.

Clinical Phase 3: Condition End State:

- Reached once the affected crewmember has recovered from the medical condition as much as he or she is able to recover in the spaceflight environment amongst treated and untreated best and worst case scenarios. This may or may not be recovery from the given medical condition to the full extent possible. If this "recovered" state results in Removal to Definitive Care (RTDC) or Loss of Crew Life (LOCL) this will be noted in the condition end state results.

SCENARIO OVERVIEW COMMENTS

No RTDC surrogate was selected for this condition as no surrogate seemed appropriate. Typically, RTDC surrogates involve care that must be given after evacuation or return to a higher level of care. For paresthesia due to contact injuries, treatment would not differ terrestrially vs. in space. Physical therapy, nerve medications, etc. could all be given in spaceflight. An EMG for diagnostic purposes may be beneficial and that would require return to a higher level of care, but a) EMGs aren't useful until a minimum of 3 weeks after the injury (which exceeds the durations for all scenarios in this CLIFF) and b) it wouldn't be necessary during an exploration mission.

TREATED BEST CASE (TBC) SCENARIO COMMENTS

Duration of paresthesia varies widely in terrestrial and analog literature depending on the source. Spaceflight specific data is preferred to inform this duration. The prior IMM CLIFF provides durations based on spaceflight data (based on an in-flight "EVA Review Lockdown"). All durations in this CLIFF were taken from the IMM CLIFF given this data is specific to spaceflight. The duration assigned for this scenario is 0-24 hours. (NASA, Paresthesias Secondary to Extravehicular Activity CLIFF, 2017) The best-case scenario definition for this condition "resolves spontaneously." Therefore, RTDC and LOCL probabilities were assigned 0%. No literature searches were performed.

TREATED WORST CASE SCENARIO (TWC) COMMENTS

Duration of paresthesia varies widely in terrestrial and analog literature depending on the source. Spaceflight specific data is preferred to inform this duration. The prior IMM CLIFF provides durations based on spaceflight data (based on an in-flight "EVA Review Lockdown"). All durations in this CLIFF were taken from the IMM CLIFF given this data is specific to spaceflight. The duration assigned for this scenario is 24-168 hours. (NASA, Paresthesias Secondary to Extravehicular Activity CLIFF, 2017) No literature to indicate RTDC or mortality was identified through a NASA Technical Reports Server search. The RTDC and LOCL probabilities were therefore assigned 0%.

UNTREATED BEST CASE (UTBC) SCENARIO COMMENTS

Duration of paresthesia varies widely in terrestrial and analog literature depending on the source. Spaceflight specific data is preferred to inform this duration. The prior IMM CLIFF provides durations based on spaceflight data (based on an in-flight "EVA Review Lockdown"). All durations in this CLIFF were taken from the IMM CLIFF given this data is specific to spaceflight. The duration assigned for this scenario is 0-24 hours. (NASA, Paresthesias Secondary to Extravehicular Activity CLIFF, 2017) The best-case scenario definition for this condition "resolves spontaneously." Therefore, RTDC and LOCL probabilities were assigned 0%. No literature searches were performed.

UNTREATED WORST CASE (UTWC) SCENARIO COMMENTS

Duration of paresthesia varies widely in terrestrial and analog literature depending on the source. Spaceflight specific data is preferred to inform this duration. The prior IMM CLIFF provides durations based on spaceflight data (based on an in-flight "EVA Review Lockdown"). All durations in this CLIFF were taken from the IMM CLIFF given this data is specific to spaceflight. The duration assigned for this scenario is 24-1080 hours (1-45 days). Whereas the IMM CLIFF initially had 168 hours for the maximum duration of this scenario, it was changed to 1080 hours (45 days) based on information presented in the "Branch Baseline" of the IMM CLIFF stating that these typically resolve within 45 days. (NASA, Paresthesias Secondary to Extravehicular Activity CLIFF, 2017) No literature to indicate RTDC or mortality was identified through a NASA Technical Reports Server search. The RTDC and LOCL probabilities were therefore assigned 0%.

TABLE 5. CLINICAL PHASE II DURATION LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE (LOC)

Citation	Source	LOC Value
NASA, Paresthesia Secondary to Extravehicular Activity CLIFF, 2017	Spaceflight	3

Duration of paresthesia varies widely in terrestrial and analog literature depending on the source. Spaceflight specific data is preferred to drive this duration. The IMM CLIFF provides durations based on spaceflight data (based on the "EVA Review Lockdown, 2011"). Note, the composer/editor of this CLIFF does not have access to this document, but since it is spaceflight specific was felt to be the best source for duration. All durations in this CLIFF were taken from the IMM CLIFF given this data is specific to spaceflight. The IMM CLIFF will be referenced as the source since the ExMC editor/composer of this CLIFF did not have access to the primary source.

TABLE 6. RTDC LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE (LOC)

Citation	Source	LOC Value
N/A	N/A	3

The best-case scenario definition for this condition "resolves spontaneously." Therefore, RTDC was assigned 0%. No literature searches were performed. No RTDC surrogate was selected for this condition as no surrogate seemed appropriate for worst-case scenarios. Typically, RTDC surrogates involve care that must be given after evacuation or return to a higher level of care. For paresthesia due to contact injuries, treatment would not differ terrestrially vs. in space. Physical therapy, nerve medications, etc. could all be given in spaceflight. An EMG for diagnostic purposes may be beneficial and that would require return to a higher level of care, but a) EMGs aren't useful until a minimum of 3 weeks after the injury (which exceeds the durations for all scenarios in this CLIFF) and b) it wouldn't be necessary during an exploration mission. No literature to indicate RTDC was identified through a NASA Technical Reports Server search. The worst-case RTDC probabilities were therefore assigned 0%.

TABLE 7. LOCL LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE (LOC)

Citation	Source	LOC Value
N/A	N/A	4

The best-case scenario definition for this condition "resolves spontaneously." Therefore, LOCL was assigned 0%. No literature searches were performed. No literature to indicate LOCL in worst-case scenarios was identified through a NASA Technical Reports Server search. The worst-case LOCL probabilities were therefore assigned 0%.

CAPABILITY RESOURCE TABLE (CRT) OVERVIEW

Capabilities and Resourcing Scope

Overview

This condition is reported by astronauts in space and likely results from localized disruptions in blood flow as an astronaut maneuvers within their space suit.

CNES: NONE

Diagnostic Scope and Resourcing

Diagnosis relies on history and physical exam

Clinical Phase 1 Duration and Rationale

This version of IMPACT presumes physician level knowledge, skill, and ability will be present on the mission. The CRT working group SME consensus duration is as follows:

CP1 BC (Treated or Untreated): 0.1 hours for history given the context of spaceflight and the self resolving nature

CP1 WC (Treated or Untreated): 0.27 hours including set up time, history, and physical exam including a focused neurological exam and careful attention to rule out mimic conditions like decompression sickness (DCS).

This condition requires a Scope of Practice 4 to rule out more dangerous conditions such as DCS

Treatment Scope and Resourcing

The best case requires no treatment. The worst case involves pain so topical and oral pain management is included with primacy given to NSAIDs.

Communications and Support Needs;

Communication needs are not expected to rise above the level of routine medical communications with the ground, given the non emergent nature of this condition

References

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IMM CLIFF RECONCILIATION COMMENTS

This CLIFF is largely unchanged from the IMM CLIFF. The best and worst-case definitions in this CLIFF are unchanged from the IMM CLIFF. The incidence from the IMM CLIFF was used for this CLIFF, however, note there may be an overlap between this incidence and the incidence of a new condition (ICL46, EVA Related Suit Contact Injury). The incidence for EVA Related Suit Contact injury included only documented abrasions and contusions from Scheuring et al, 2009 that were related to the suit. It is unclear whether these "hot spot" injuries were also counted as paresthesia in the IMM CLIFF for paresthesia. The worst-case scenario probability of 2.6% in this CLIFF was also informed by the IMM CLIFF based on 3/114 cases of sensory compressive neuropathy from 2002-2007 in the NBL. The durations from the IMM CLIFF were used to inform this CLIFF. The RTDC and LOCL probabilities remain 0% in this CLIFF for all scenarios. Task impairment is unique in this CLIFF since it is calculated differently than Functional Impairment from IMM.

LIMITATIONS SUMMARY

- Some overlap between the incidence of ICL 44- EVA Related Paresthesia and ICL 46 EVA Related Suit Contact Injury may exist. The incidence for this CLIFF was taken directly from the IMM CLIFF and Antonsen et al, 2017 corroborates that the diagnosis of interest was reported as "paresthesia" for at least the first half of the events included. The incidence for ICL 46 EVA Related Suit Contact Injury was based only on documented abrasions and contusions caused by the suit (Scheuring et al, 2009).
- The durations for this CLIFF were all taken from the prior IMM CLIFF which is based on an EVA Review Lockdown done in 2010. The ExMC composer/editor of this CLIFF does not have access to that primary source, but felt after looking through multiple other sources that these estimates for duration were the most reasonable given they are spaceflight specific.
- The ExMC composer/editor of this CLIFF assumed that RTDC and LOCL for worst-case scenarios was 0%. A search through the NASA Technical Reports Server corroborated this assumption (i.e. no literature to support RTDC of LOCL from EVA related paresthesia was identified).

TABLE 8. TASK IMPAIRMENT CALCULATION BASED ON AFFECTED HUMAN SYSTEMS TASK CATEGORIES (HSTC)

Clinical Phase 2: Treatment												
	Affected HSTCs											
	Cognitive - Simple	Cognitive - Complex	Communications	Inter-personal Skills	Vision	Hearing	Cardio-pulmonary	Dentition	GI	GU		
Treated Best Case (TBC)												
Untreated Best Case (UTBC)		664										
Treated Worst Case (TWC)												
Untreated Worst Case (UTWC)		664		89								
	Affected HSTCs (Continued)								TI Calculation		TI Score	
	Hand (Dom)	Hand (Any)	Upper Extremity	Lower Extremity	Ambul & Standing (g)	Translation & Stabilization (microgravity)	Don/Doff Equipment	Pressure Ops	Total Tasks Impaired By Condition	Total Human System Category Tasks Full Mission	TI Decimal	TI %
Treated Best Case (TBC)	132							211	343	3763	0.0911507	9.11507
Untreated Best Case (UTBC)	132							211	1007	3763	0.267606	26.7606
Treated Worst Case (TWC)	132							211	343	3763	0.0911507	9.11507
Untreated Worst Case (UTWC)	132							211	1096	3763	0.291257	29.1257
Clinical Phase 3: Condition End State												
	Affected HSTCs											
	Cognitive - Simple	Cognitive - Complex	Communications	Inter-personal Skills	Vision	Hearing	Cardio-pulmonary	Dentition	GI	GU		
Treated Best Case (TBC)												
Untreated Best Case (UTBC)												
Treated Worst Case (TWC)												
Untreated Worst Case (UTWC)		664		89								
	Affected HSTCs (Continued)								TI Calculation		TI Score	

	Hand (Dom)	Hand (Any)	Upper Extremity	Lower Extremity	Ambul & Standing (g)	Translation & Stabilization (microgravity)	Don/Doff Equipment	Pressure Ops	Total Tasks Impaired By Condition	Total Human System Category Tasks Full Mission	T1 Decimal	T1 %
Treated Best Case (TBC)									0	3763	0	0
Untreated Best Case (UTBC)	132							211	343	3763	0.0911507	9.11507
Treated Worst Case (TWC)									0	3763	0	0
Untreated Worst Case (UTWC)	132							211	1096	3763	0.291257	29.1257

TABLE 8 KEY

Human System Task Category (HSTC) Definitions: Cognitive-Simple: Tasks requiring simple cognitive involvement (low levels of attention, following simple checklists, and not requiring extensive decision making) in conjunction with inputs from other systems. Cognitive-Complex: Tasks requiring complex cognitive involvement (requiring constant attention, frequent interpretation of outside stimuli to inform real-time situations) in conjunction with inputs from other systems. Communication: Tasks requiring primarily communication, via hearing and speaking. Interpersonal Skills: Tasks requiring interpersonal, social interaction between crew including complex technical tasks that require extended crew interaction. Vision: Tasks in which visual information is required. Hearing: Tasks in which primarily auditory information is required, excluding communication, e.g. hearing alarms, medical auscultation, OOHAs. Cardiopulmonary: Tasks requiring greater-than-baseline cardiopulmonary effort, e.g. physically strenuous activities. Dentition: Tasks requiring use of teeth for mastication. GI (Gastrointestinal): Tasks requiring use of the alimentary system, e.g. solids/liquids consumption and solids excretion. GU (Genitourinary): Tasks requiring use of the male/female genitourinary systems. Hand (Dominant): Tasks performed using primarily the hand, requiring use of the dominant hand (piloting, medical procedures, dental procedures). Hand (Any): Tasks performed using primarily the hand(s), with no preference for dominance, with equivalent bilateral effectiveness. Upper Extremity: Tasks requiring specific use of the upper extremities, excluding hands. Lower Extremity: Tasks requiring specific use of the lower extremities (excluding ambulation and standing in the presence of gravity), e.g. using exercise equipment. Ambulation and Standing (g): Tasks requiring use of both lower extremities to accomplish ambulation or standing in the presence of gravity. Translation and Stabilization (microgravity): Tasks requiring use of either the upper or lower extremities to accomplish translational movement and stabilization (securing oneself to remain stationary) in the setting of microgravity. Don/Doff Equipment: Tasks requiring the donning of personal equipment (including pressure suit, exercise harness, EVA equipment, etc). Pressure Ops: EVA/contingency tasks performed while pressurized in a suit.

Criteria for Assignment of Conditions to HSTCs (any of the following):

- 1) Is affected crew member physically incapable of performing the human system task category, without impairment, with the condition?
- 2) Would the treatment (e.g. medications) impair the crewmember's ability to perform the human system task category? (Does not apply to UTx)
- 3) Does the condition have a high likelihood of causing a significant aeromedical contraindication with an associated human system task category?
- 4) Would performing tasks in an associated task category worsen the condition? (If so, it is affected).
- 5) Does pain associated with the condition impair any further human system categories?

TASK IMPAIRMENT COMMENTS

CP2: No comment. CP3: No comment.

EVIDENCE COLLECTION PROCESS

Mesh terms that most closely resembled the best-case and worst-case scenarios, and associated Conditions Included but Not Explicitly Stated (CNES), were utilized to build incidence, duration, RTDC, and LOCL searches by best- and worst-case.

Incidence:

Databases searched for spaceflight and analog incidence data included: PubMed, Google Scholar, NASA Technical Reports Server (NTRS) public search, Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC), and Barratt MR, Baker E, Pool SL. Principles of Clinical Medicine for Space Flight. New York, NY: Springer; 2019. 2nd Edition. Databases searched for terrestrial incidence included: DynaMed, PubMed, and Google Scholar.

Duration, RTDC, LOCL:

Databases searched for duration, RTDC, and LOCL included: Dynamed, Cochrane, PubMed, and Google Scholar. Note, that if duration, RTDC, or LOCL data was found in a DynaMed search, the other search engines were not included. Relevant articles were selected and reviewed. If applicable, the article was included in the CLIFF.

LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE (LOC) SCORING

Articles obtained to update the evidence behind this CLIFF were scored by ExMC editors, based on their applicability to the Exploration Spaceflight environment using the following grading scale:

- 4 – Confident
- 3 – Somewhat confident
- 2 – Neutral
- 1 – Somewhat unconfident
- 0 – Not confident

The following considerations factor into the grading scale above:

- How closely does the paper describe the medical condition as defined by the IMPACT 1.0 Condition List (relevance)?
- How closely does the population included resemble the astronaut population?
- Quality of the paper (number of subjects, methods, etc.)
- How much does the editor trust the source of the evidence?
- How closely does the editor think that the data represents the exploration spaceflight environment?
- Other considerations, at the discretion of the editor, supported in the comments for LOE scoring.

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ACRONYMS

ACRONYM	PHRASE
AAOMS	American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
AMA	American Medical Association
ARCL	All Remaining Conditions List
ARS	Acute Radiation Sickness
BHP	Behavioral Health and Performance
CAC	Coronary Artery Calcium
CHS	Crew Health and Safety
CL	Condition List
ClIFF	Clinical Finding Form
CMO	Crew Medical Officer
COMFORT	Clinical Outcome Metrics for Optimization of Robust Training
CP1	Clinical Phase 1
CP2	Clinical Phase 2
CP3	Clinical Phase 3
CRL	Clinical Resource Level
CRT	Capability Resource Table
CST	Clinical Science Team
DCS	Decompression Syndrome
DRM	Design Reference Mission
ED	Emergency Medicine Doctor
EL	Evidence Library
EMCL	Exploration Medical Condition List
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EVA	Extravehicular Activity
EXMC	Exploration Medical Capability
HRP	Human Research Program
ICD	International Classification of Disease

ICL 1.0	IMPACT 1.0 Medical Conditions List
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IMCL	iMED Condition List
iMED	Integrated Medical Evidence Database
IMM	Integrated Medical Model
IMPACT-MD	Impact Medical Database
IP	Incidence Proportion
IR	Incidence Rate
ISS	International Space Station
IV	Intravenous
JSC	Johnson Space Center
LEO	Low-Earth orbit
LEVA	Lunar Extravehicular Activity
LOCL	Loss of Crew Life
LOM	Loss of Mission
LSAH	Lifetime Surveillance of Astronaut Health
LSO	Lunar Surface Operations
MCL	Master Condition List
MEVA	Medical Extravehicular Activity
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
N/A	Not Applicable
NP	Nurse Practitioner
OBGYN	Obstetrics and Gynecology
OR	Occurrence Rate
PA	Physician Assistant
PDQ	Pain Disability Questionnaire
PFCL	Proposed Future Conditions List
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PTRS	Project Technical Requirements Specification
PRL	Pharmaceutical Resource Level
QTL	Quality Time Lost
RCL	Removed Conditions List
REP	Rochester Epidemiology Study
RTDC	Removal to Definitive Care
SANS	Spaceflight-Associated Neuro-ocular Syndrome
SAS	Space Adaptation Syndrome
SEVA	Spaceflight Extravehicular Activity
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SoP	Standard Operating Procedure
SPE	Solar Particle Event
TBD	To Be Determined
TI	Task Impairment

