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| Overview | This standard covers the competence required to provide medical services onboard vessel. It involves providing care to the sick and injured with support from the approved shipboard medical guide and includes medical advice sought and received by radio.  **Target Group**  This standard applies to individuals at the managerial level with responsibility for onboard health on any size vessel working in any operational area**.** |

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| **Performance criteria**  You must be able to: | 1. identify symptoms based on the concepts of clinical examination and medical history 2. use diagnostic equipment that complies with operating procedures in the ‘Ship Captain's Medical Guide' 3. use personal protection against infection and the spread of disease which is complete and effective at all times 4. apply immediate first aid, and provide care in accordance with accepted medical practice, in the event of an accident or illness, whilst maintaining a personal attitude which is calm, confident and reassuring at all times 5. use procedures for seeking radio medical advice which conform to established practice and recommendations 6. monitor patients and identify significant changes in their condition, taking remedial action to maximise their welfare as required 7. ensure that the use of drugs, medication and medical equipment complies with manufacturers' recommendations 8. use methods and preparations for patient evacuation which are complete and designed to maximise patient welfare 9. keep medical records which are complete, accurate and comply with statutory and medical requirements |

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| Knowledge and understanding  You need to know and understand: | 1. how to apply immediate first aid in the event of accident or illness on board 2. how to provide medical care to the sick and injured while they remain on board 3. how to participate in co-ordinated schemes for medical assistance to vessels 4. how to evaluate and apply statutory regulations and guidelines, organisational instructions and guidance, and vessel contingency plans |

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