

The Diving Medical Advisory Committee

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DMAC Code of Ethics

The main objective for the Diving Medical Advisory Committee (DMAC) is to support the diving community with advice and guidelines on how to operate in a way that minimises the health risks to its workforce. Such advice shall be based on science and documentable experience and be without bias.

In order to form a basis for such work the committee has implemented the guidelines below.

1. As membership is by invitation, prospective members should, in addition to their CV, present any economic ties they may have to businesses and industry that may be affected by guidelines published by DMAC.

Sitting members shall likewise table their connections to companies and institutions in the same manner. All such information shall be kept on file by the Chairman and the Secretary. Such information shall, at the Chairman's discretion, be presented if questioned by a relevant external party. All members shall annually update such information.

2. When presenting opinions on subjects relating to changes in existing or new guidelines, members' views shall be based on scientifically published data or documentable empirical knowledge. One should aim to avoid unsubstantiated opinions.
3. The recommending of standards or solutions should be realistically obtainable in order not to create conflicts between various parties involved in hyperbaric activities.
4. When there is a need to express DMAC's views on specific matters in public, this may only be done by or through the Chair. Without their signature letters, press releases or similar will not be supported by DMAC.