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## ON BOARD MEDICAL ADVICE AND MANAGEMENT

### MEDICAL ISSUE

Foreign Object in Eye

### MEDICAL INFORMATION RECEIVED

**January 22, 2022:** Crew member's eye cornea was injured by rust/metal residue and captain contacted SHIPMEDCARE. The eye was red with pain and sensitivity in light and air.

### SHIPMEDCARE ACTION

Shipmedcare's Doctor's opinion was that the patient should be seen by a doctor ashore in order to remove the foreign body from the eye and advised for antibiotic eye drops treatment on board until then.

- The vessel was loading at Venezuela's anchorage (remote port) and it wasn't easy for the seafarer to visit a doctor ashore. the situation was evaluated by the Crew Department and Shipmedcare's Doctor, along with Shipmedcare's expert opinion by an Ophthalmologist. It was thus decided for a daily remote monitoring of the seafarer and Ophthalmologist's intervention until the next port of call.
- From then on and until the patient was examined ashore, 22 communications and surveillances, were carried out by Shipmedcare's physicians.
- **March 4, 2022:** The vessel reached the Tuzla Shipyard, and the seafarer was examined ashore. The eye was in a stable condition and the seafarer returned to his normal duties.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Medical case resolved, containment of epidemic.

### AVOIDED

Possible quarantine of the vessel, legal expenses, crew replacements costs, unseaworthy crew compliment, incurring daily running costs and increased agency costs, port medical examination, delays in cargo discharge, next charter cancellation.

### ESTIMATED SAVINGS THROUGH SHIPMEDCARE'S INTERVENTION

USD 50,000