

Honduras 2011 Season Medical Report

Category	Description	N Cases	Nature of illness/injury	Treatment and action taken	Cases/1000 person days
1	Death	0	N/A	N/A	0
2	Emergency evacuation with repatriation for medical attention	1	Snake bite	Patient was evacuated by helicopter to the hospital in the nearest city, San Pedro Sula. However the bite was dry, meaning that no venom was injected, and so after careful observation they were able to return to site. No repatriation or treatment beyond San Pedro Sula was required.	0.05
3	Non - Emergency evacuations	1	Dog Bite	Although it was not believed that the animal carried rabies, the patient had not had the pre-exposure rabies vaccinations so as a precaution the volunteer involved was evacuated to begin a course of injections.	0.05
4	Hospital Treatment required in the local area	7	Suspected decompression sickness, surgical emphysema, malrial medication accidental overdose, laceration to the head, dental repairs and a rabies booster	Suspected decompression sickness was treated over night at the hyperbaric chamber on a nearby Island. Surgical emphysema required a chest Xray but no further treatment and the accidental overdose required monitoring. All recovered without ongoing problems.	0.37
5	Treatment on site- serious illness/injury	5	Severe ear discomfort, asthma attacks and allergic reactions.	Symptoms subsided after treatment and the patients were able to return to diving after a period of rest.	0.26
6	Treatment on site- moderate serious illness/injury	54	Perforated eardrums, coughs, colds, fungal infections, dehydration, lacerations and reactions to insect bites	Monitored, wounds cleaned, oral rehydration salts, fungal creams and antibiotics where needed.	3.45
7	Treatment on site - minor illness/injury	504	145 cases were reported at forest sites and 130 from Utila and 229 on Cayos. Insect bites, the common cold, coughs, fatigue, dehydration, toothache, allergic reactions, headaches, minor ear discomfort and sunburn.	Monitored, cleaned, oral rehydration salts and antibiotics where needed.	26.8
Near - miss		0	N/A	N/A	0

Honduras; Staff and students on site for a total of 18,802 person days.