

ANNEX 13C**SECONDARY MEDICAL POSITION (SMP)****1. Role**

The role of the Secondary Medical Position will vary in different classes of ship. It is identified as a fallback position for the Sickbay/MHQ or one of the FAPs should any of these become untenable during peacetime or war. The SMP may also be utilised as a casualty reception area for example following COD, SALVEX, NEO etc.

2. Functions:

- a. Provision of emergency medical treatment and resuscitation in peacetime should the Sickbay be untenable or overwhelmed.
- b. Provision of a fallback position for MHQ or FAPs at action should any of these become untenable.
- c. Provide triage and reception area for casualties. This may be particularly pertinent in providing assistance to another vessel or non-combatant civilian evacuation operation. It may be appropriate if the SMP is on the same deck level as the casualty embarkation point.

3. Essential Facilities:

- a. Located within the citadel.
- b. Adequate protection.
- c. Adequate space for the treatment and holding of casualties.
- d. Adequate communications with MHQ, FAPs and HQ1/SCC and Command positions.
- e. State boards to show damage and casualty states.
- f. Casualty reporting forms.
- g. Adequate main and emergency lighting (see allowances BRd 2170(3)).
- h. Water supply (in containers at action) including access to hot water.
- i. Easy access for stretchers and manhandled casualties.
- j. Adequate, secure stowage for first aid and emergency medical equipment.
- k. Stationery and documentation.
- l. Adequate approach and escape markings (see [Para 0328](#) and [Para 0331](#)).

m. Emergency medical equipment (see scale promulgated in the Medical Equipment Table for Service Afloat (METSA) Annex C 6545-99-149-8278).

4. Manning

The SMP is generally unmanned during peacetime or at action unless it is also being used as a FAP. Members of the Ship's Medical Organisation for Action/Emergency (MOFA/E) must ensure that the SMP is prepared for use and checked as part of Damage Control State 1 preparations. Manning during use will vary according to its role.