

## USG Energy Medical Services

Safety at work and prevention of health problems are significant factors in the offshore industry. All manned offshore installations are legally obliged to have facilities for medical care. This means that a medic should be available 24 hours a day. A medic is a specially and frequently trained nurse with plenty of experience in emergency care. To accomplish this the Medical Services Unit of USG Energy offers a complete package of medical services.

### Core tasks medic

The medic on board an offshore installation fulfils a special position. In case of an illness or accident a nurse is the only medically qualified person onboard. An onshore doctor is constantly available by phone for backup 24 hours a day.

A medic has certain tasks:

- He acts as an advanced ambulance post the moment a medical emergency takes place onboard. According to the common National Protocol Ambulance Care and in consultation with the back-up doctor the medic looks after victims of an accident or serious illness, provides urgent care and stabilises them if necessary for further treatment.
- The medic will also be called upon for less urgent medical problems on board. His treatment will be discussed with the onshore back-up doctor.
- The medic is responsible for the availability of hospital equipment and keeping it up-to-date, consisting of medication and materials as dictated by the Dutch trade organisation of the Oil and Gas Industry NOGEPa.
- The medic keeps a record of the onboard stock of drugs.

### Additional tasks medic

Since accidents offshore are the exception, rather than the rule, the medic's activities are generally limited to caring for small injuries. He also provides information contributing to a healthy lifestyle as well as encouraging preventative behaviour of personnel onboard.

In addition to his medical work the medic performs a number of other activities. For example, carrying out the duties of radio operator and helicopter landing officer (HLO), performing drinkwater checks and hygiene inspections, and giving safety instructions to visitors and new personnel onboard.

## USG Energy Medical Service

The USG Energy Medical Service package consists of various items:

- Consignment and employment of qualified medical personnel on offshore installations.
- Recruiting and selecting BIG-registered nurses with experience at A&E or on an ambulance.
- Providing necessary training for going offshore according to client's specifications.
- Providing medical back-up.
- The medical director of USG Energy, who has been active for many years in the Oil and Gas Industry, bears the general medical responsibility. A back-up doctor onshore gives medical advice to the offshore medic.
- In case of an illness or casualty the back-up doctor coordinates evacuation by helicopter from the platform or ship to the shore. This also applies to relief at the heliport.

### Specialised training

Before starting work each medic has to take the basic course for Offshore Medics. Since emergencies are seldom on offshore-installations, it is of great importance that a medic keeps his ready knowledge and practical skills up to the required up to date standards. Therefore all medics working for USG Energy are obliged to go through the Refresher Offshore Medic course on an annual basis. During the course all basic medical actions are taught, including trauma care and cardiac life support. The National Protocol Ambulance care is the basis for the course. The course will be provided by the medical director of USG Energy and Ambulance Service Kennemerland.

### Supplementary medical services

Supplementary medical services which can be provided by USG Energy are hygiene inspections by a doctor, drug supplies and sick bay surveillance.

**USG Energy: well trained, experienced and motivated personnel as key to success in the Oil and Gas Industry.**