

DAN EUROPE SUISSE MEDICAL

- DAN SUISSE has a medical team to help divers in diving emergencies, to advise divers with medical (non emergency) problems, periodically analyse the dive accidents and produce scientific publications, to train other doctors and dive instructors in dive accident, prevention and treatment.
- The DAN SUISSE medical team is a part of the DAN Europe medical board and International DAN medical board. More detailed documentation is available from the homepage www.daneuropesuisse.ch.

Activities

a) Hotline

- an emergency hotline makes medical advice available anytime (24h, 7/7 per week, all year).
- Telemedical advice to injured divers is provided, however also advice to hospital doctors and personnel of hyperbaric units (d/f/i/e).

b) Follow-up

- Each case of a diving accident is contacted later on and a follow-up of each patient is assured. If indicated advice is given for resume diving assessment and further investigations.
- All documents concerning a diving emergency are collected and reviewed by a hyperbaric medical specialist, then labelled with an anonymised identity mark.
- Case reports are produced from the more complex case histories (anonymised).
- A report of all hotline calls and other available dive accident reports is produced annually.

c) Office

- The DAN Europe Suisse office manages medical questions arriving by e-mail, letter or phone, handing them over to one of the medical team members.
- The office assures a liaison with the DAN insurance (DEIB).
- The case history databank and the individual charts are managed by our designated officers.

d) Other

- Our medical members support or produce publications concerning prevention of dive accidents (liaison with BfU).
- DAN EUROPE SUISSE Med cooperates with FTU in order to publish jointly the medical emergencies (DAN) and fatal dive accidents (FTU).
- DAN EUROPE SUISSE Med supports research projects that target dive safety (DAN Carotis Doppler Study, DAN Safety Laboratory, other research projects)

Organisation

Medical Members

Jean-Yves Berney (Hotline), Thomas Fluri (Hotline), Niklaus Gäumann (Hotline), Marco Gelsomino (Hotline), Bodo Giannone (Follow-up), Franz Guala (Hotline), Ruedi Louma (Hotline), Peter Nussberger (Hotline), Peter Rupp (Hotline), Gian-Luca Sartori (Hotline), Jürg Wendling (Hotline, Director)

Associate Members

- Doctors participating in medical follow-up for case reports
- Ad-hoc emergency intervention team (temporary per project)

A listing of the actual associated members is published on the DAN EUROPE SUISSE homepage.

Office

Ursula Wendling (DAN SUISSE Hotline), Christine Moser (claims and directors' administration), Christina Keller (Follow-up administration), Michèle Spahr (Homepage).

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