

## AsMA Workshop Summaries

### Altitude Decompression Sickness: Pathophysiology, Diagnosis, Treatment and Mitigation

**Date: Sunday, May 21 (Max 75)**

**Time: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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Altitude-induced decompression sickness (DCS) is an ever-present threat to aircrew. First seriously recognized as an entity around 1917, altitude DCS was not treated with recompression until 1959. Since then, it has been diagnosed and treated regularly within military aviation. This workshop is designed to provide attendees a relatively in-depth knowledge base upon which to diagnose, treat, and mitigate altitude DCS. Foundational presentations will address the history, etiology, pathophysiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, and efficacy of the USAF treatment algorithm. Additional special presentations will focus on low altitude DCS, epidemic DCS, and mitigation strategies to include the Altitude Decompression Sickness Risk Assessment Computer (ADRAC). Lastly, the workshop will host an expert clinical panel discussing the diagnosis and treatment of a number of challenging altitude DCS cases.

### Establishing Peer Support Programs Across All Aviation Segments (Max 75)

**Date: Sunday, May 21 (Max 75)**

**Time: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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Peer support programs have demonstrated effectiveness in removing barriers for seeking mental health assistance and in improving wellbeing of individuals with less than optimum mental wellness. Aviation regulators have mandated of strongly recommended institution of peer support programs within the aviation industry as a strategy to improve safety and the mental wellness of those involved. This workshop will inform attendees of methods, programs and challenges in establishing peer support programs across the aviation industry. Experts from professional commercial airline pilot groups, cabin crew and maintainers, air traffic control services, business aviation, university and ab initio aviation training programs and all inclusive aviation peer support programs will present unique challenges with possible solutions for the establishment of peer support programs within their individual groups. The workshop will be interactive with opportunities for attendee participation and breakout sessions for individual groups. Attendees will be able to interact and request individual advice from speakers in small groups. The goal of this workshop is to provide attendees tools and templates to assist in establishing peer support programs within their aviation groups. Ultimately, these Peer support programs will reduce barriers to help seeking, improve mental wellness and enhance aviation safety. Incorporation of mental wellness programs in all aviation groups should be incorporated in an organization's safety management system and its safety culture.

### Aerospace Medicine Faculty Development Workshop

**Date: Sunday, May 22 (Max 75)**

**Time: 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

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## Register early! Attendance to workshops is limited.

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