

COVID-19 vaccinations for seafarers on ocean-going vessels

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We would like to share ideas on the publication “Procedural aspects of COVID-19 vaccinations for seafarers on ocean-going vessels [1].” Schlaich et al. [1] mentioned that “As a port medical clinic, we will share our practical vaccination experience on board of merchant vessels in (...) published by the International Chamber of Shipping (www.ics-shipping.org) [1].” We recognise importance of vaccination for seafarers and a good procedure is very important. However, there are many practical issues for consideration. First, the flexibility of vaccine schedule is an important query. Seafarers might have to wander around and it might not possible to get a booster dose of vaccine on the appointed date and the same vaccine as the first dose might not be available in the new setting. Second, the pre-administration quality control of COVID-19 is important. How to deliver the vaccine to the site has to be specifically

planned. In a large medical centre where there are plenty of facilities to promote cold chain delivery, the poor quality of the vaccine due to poor pre-administration keeping and delivery is still possible [2].

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