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182: Human System Risk Management Approach

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# **Purpose of Task**

- Purpose
  - Investigate the feasibility of applying the JSC Human System Risk Management approach for long-duration spaceflight to commercial suborbital and short duration orbital spaceflight
- Objectives
  - Select subset of risks appropriate for commercial spaceflight
  - Quantify the health and performance risk
  - Define mitigation strategies







# **Research Methodology**

- Sources of Information:
  - NASA Human Research Roadmap (HRR)
  - Historical Human Spaceflight Data
  - Integrated Medical Model
- Thirty-one operationally focused risks defined in HRR Program Requirements Document
- Integrated Research Plan and Evidence Book (IRD) details activities to fill the knowledge and mitigation gaps





# **Research Methodology - 2**

 Assign level of concern for each risk applicable to commercial flight

Concern Level	Crew	Passengers
Definite	3	4
Possible	21	21
Least	7	6

 Develop risk mitigation strategies for each definite and possible concern







# Example

- Risk: Abnormal cardiac rhythm
- Rationale:
  - Passengers in poorer health with history of heart problems
  - Reduced cardiac function
  - Increased risk of cardiac arrest
- Mitigation:
  - Pre-screening to identify
  - Pre-treatment to eliminate or control arrhythmia
  - Pre-flight testing/training under simulated environment (centrifuge and/or Zero-G flight)







### **Schedule & Milestones**



M2 – Risk mitigation approach final report

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### Results

- Thirty-one risks were identified and categorized
- Twenty-four risks for crew members and 25 for passengers were evaluated for mitigation strategies
- Final report was submitted to the FAA AST in December 2011.
- An article has been accepted for publication in Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine





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