

Occupational Health Surveillance

Medical Surveillance - Diving Operations

Underwater diving undertaken for occupational reasons is highly regulated, and it can be an important activity within research programs in a wide range of fields such as aquaculture and marine biology.

Underwater diving is known to put particular physical stress on the body. As such and in order to maintain compliance with applicable regulations, a medical surveillance program in the form of dive medical examinations and emergency/incident response has been established.

Prior to engaging in any occupational underwater diving operation (e.g. SCUBA diving) including training, that is associated with a research program at the University of Guelph, the prospective diver must have submitted to Occupational Health and Wellness (OHW) a current signed statement of medical fitness issued by an appropriately trained physician indicating that the diver has received a comprehensive dive medical examination and is fit to dive or fit to dive with restrictions.

For further information and a comprehensive outline of the program please refer to the Medical Surveillance-Diving module. Occupational Health and Wellness can also be contacted at 519-824-4120 ext. 52647 or by [email](#) [1].

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