

## What is aqua med?

### Dive medicine faculty of MHW

aqua med is the faculty of dive medicine of Medical Helpline Worldwide (MHW), a medical hotline residing in Bremen for worldwide medical emergencies. Further to aqua med specialised on dive medicine, MHW also covers all other relevant medical specialties, including paediatrics and psycho-traumatology. This service, similar to a poison emergency hotline, offers divers, emergency rescue staff and physicians professional consulting and support, all over the world. All dive associations today use this hotline. With approx. 1,000 emergencies treated a year, it is the biggest of its kind in Europe, and the second biggest in the world.



### Nationwide competence center for diving safety

Almost all dive accident data from all over Germany come to aqua med, where they are analysed and evaluated. The results are fed back regularly to the associations, and they are also published in presentations and technical publications. They considerably support the further development of dive safety. Together with the sports academy Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln, a long-term research partner of aqua med since many years, these results for instance led to the research project fit2dive with the intention to better research the relations between physical fitness and dive accidents, and to prevent dive accidents.



### Cooperation partner to European dive associations



PADI, the world's biggest dive association, after positive experience in recent years in 2009 transferred the European-wide emergency call handling for all members to aqua med. This confirms the professional service and performance. All nationwide German dive associations maintain good relationships with the company. Most are even steady sales and cooperation partners in the fields of dive medicine and dive safety.

### International company with headquarter in Bremen

With presently 25 employees (of which 7 are physicians), aqua med combines professional work with personal service. The Bremen company, in its hometown known mainly to sports divers, intends not only to support dive sports and its leisure and environment aspects, but also to further develop its use for medical therapy in rehabilitation programs for the handicapped.