uniformly. This is a concern in many countries where there can be considerable variability in how standards are applied.5

Scot-SAC is fortunate in being able to monitor the new medical system closely by retaining all records centrally. This also helps to control any confidentiality issues. It will be possible to continue long term evaluation of the medical system and the incident rates.

In summary, the introduction of a self administered questionnaire appears effective after three years of follow up, and there has been a reassuring increase in failure rates for divers, confirming the safety of the new screening system. Divers now have the benefit of direct assessment by doctors with diving medicine experience.

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