

OPINION

Maybe Carry-On Doctor Gladstone Bag as The Second Personal Item For In-Flight Healing

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ABSTRACT

The time is ripe for evolving standardization of in-flight healing processes provided by credentialed in-flight healers carrying personal Gladstone bags or utilizing aircraft's Gladstone bags to timely and promptly heal for not only keeping air-people safely flying but also maintaining air-traffic uninterruptedly flowing.

KEYWORDS

Gladstone Bag; In-Flight Healthcare; Second Personal Item

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Despite being already well past the semicentennial of visualizing and executing the utility of in-flight protection by Federal Air Marshals (FAMs) (1-2), visualizing and executing the utility of Federal Air Doctors (FADs) for in-flight healing may still be a distant vision. In the interim, healthcare professionals flying domestically or internationally may have to voluntarily step up to fulfill the responsibilities which FADs would have been mandatorily expected to fulfill. Although Good Samaritan (3) morals, ethics and laws may inspire more and more healthcare professionals to voluntarily and promptly perform in-flight healing responsibilities, it may be in the best interests of aviation to standardize credentials and responsibilities of Good Samaritans healing aviators, attendants

and air-passengers in-flight. Moreover, Good Samaritans may not be acting without conflict of interest because without their prompt and timely help, the flights may get diverted to nearest airports with stopovers and layovers deranging the schedules of everyone including Good Samaritans onboard. Interestingly, aviation industry and their regulatory agencies could even consider to nudge Good Samaritans' conflict of interest by the ways of travel credits, gift vouchers, seat upgradation, additional miles, priority lounges, and many more. Some Good Samaritans may even get budged by a free second personal item to carry-on (4) with personally chosen medications and personally known instruments for in-flight public use as per the skill set self-known to Good Samaritans carrying them in their doctor – Gladstone –

bags (5-6). Maybe, if permitted, Red Cross Emblem (7) imprinted therein could easily recognize Good Samaritans as well as their Gladstone bags for prompt accessibility during the times of emergencies. If personal Gladstone bags may be too much safety risk for aviation, presumably forthcoming Good Samaritans should be able to checklist the standardized Gladstone bags available on the aircraft they are pre-boarding to ensure Gladstone bags' completeness before allowing the aircraft to takeoff. For this access to aircraft's own standardized Gladstone bags before takeoff, presumably forthcoming Good Samaritans would have to be credentialed at the time of online check-in process with digitally uploaded credentials including at least their degree depicting their highest level of education as well as their license depicting their most advanced level of skills which could be digitally or physically verified well before the pre-boarding process on the aircraft has been initiated. Futuristically, aviation industry and their regulatory agencies could consider devising global limited licensing process to evolve Good Samaritans into formally credentialed temporary FADs who would be able to not only bill for their in-flight healing services but also protect themselves against medicolegal liability risk under their professional liability insurance coverage. As humans are living longer but may not be living healthier with many more air-people having many known and unknown comorbidities risking in-flight incapacitation episodes (8-19), the time is ripe for evolving standardization of in-flight healing processes provided by credentialed in-flight healers (Good Samaritans or FADs) carrying personal Gladstone bags or utilizing aircraft's Gladstone bags to timely and promptly heal for not only keeping air-people safely flying but also maintaining air-traffic uninterruptedly flowing.

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