

THE SOCIETY

The specialty of Emergency Medicine in Europe is growing rapidly. The Executive Committee of EuSEM considers all applications for membership. Once applications have been approved, members receive a copy of the current EuSEM Statutes and notices of forthcoming events and congresses. EuSEM has its own website (www.eusem.org) and the official journal of the Society, the European Journal of Emergency Medicine (EJEM), also has its own website (www.euro-emergencymed.com). They are both constantly being updated. Visit the sites and let us know what you think.

FEDERATION

The European Society for Emergency Medicine (EuSEM) incorporates a Federation which currently includes 24 European national societies of Emergency Medicine and represents over 14,000 emergency physicians in Europe.

CONSTITUTION

The Executive Committee of EuSEM consists of the Officers of the Society and the Editor of the European Journal of Emergency Medicine. The Council of EuSEM consists of the Executive Committee and representatives of National Societies of European countries whose membership of EuSEM is at least fifteen of which have more than 1,000 medical members or 15% of the number of medical members of the National Society subject to a minimum number of forty (40) medical members. The Minutes of Council and Annual General Meetings are available to all members.

MEETINGS

The Society holds an annual conference, usually in the autumn in different European countries. In accordance with the goals of EuSEM, the objective of these meetings is to promote the science and practice of Emergency Medicine in Europe, to reflect the diversity of emergency work and to give an opportunity to members to present their original work. The next EuSEM Congress will be held in September 2008 in Munich, Germany.

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JOIN EuSEM NOW

Membership will entitle you to:

- receive the European Journal of Emergency Medicine (EJEM which now has six issues each year) for much less than half-price
- benefit from reduced conference registration fees (eg, save € 50 when registering for the 5th Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress to be held in Valencia, Spain from 14th – 17th September 2009)
- gain unrestricted access to the website (www.eusem.org)
- become closely involved in the development of the specialty of Emergency Medicine in Europe

The following are individual classes of EuSEM membership:

European Full Members € 150
Physicians who work within a structure providing pre-, inter- and/or in-hospital emergency medical care in Europe (*as per listed countries*).

European Full Members (reduced rate) € 90
Physicians who work within a structure providing pre-, inter- and/or in-hospital emergency medical care in Europe (*as per listed countries*).

European Associate Members € 90
Trainees and residents may apply for Associate Membership (an annual letter verifying training status is required). These members do not have voting rights.

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Physicians living in Europe (*as per listed countries*) may apply for Associate Reduced Rate Membership but this does not entitle them to receive the European Journal of Emergency Medicine. These members do not have voting rights.

International Members € 150
Physicians with a special interest in Emergency Medicine or who work within a structure providing pre-, inter- and/or in-hospital emergency medical care outside Europe. These members do not have voting rights. No reduced rate available.

Membership application forms can be obtained via the website www.eusem.org or by contacting:

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EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE

The European Society for
Emergency Medicine (EuSEM)
was founded in May 1994.

It is the European forum for emergency
physicians providing emergency
medical care in-hospital and in the
pre-hospital environment.

The European Society for Emergency
Medicine seeks to ensure:

- The highest quality of emergency care for all patients
- The delivery of such care by specialists trained in Emergency Medicine
- A comparable standard of clinical care in Emergency Departments across Europe

Through its activities, EuSEM aspires to play
an important role in the progress of science
and the advancement of knowledge.

POLICY STATEMENT ON EMERGENCY MEDICINE IN EUROPE

WHAT IS EMERGENCY MEDICINE?

Emergency Medicine is a specialty based on the knowledge and skills required for the prevention, diagnosis and management of urgent and emergency aspects of illness and injury affecting patients of all age groups with a full spectrum of undifferentiated physical and behavioural disorders. It is a specialty in which time is critical. The practice of Emergency Medicine encompasses the pre-hospital and in-hospital triage, resuscitation, initial assessment and management of undifferentiated urgent and emergency cases until discharge or transfer to the care of another physician or health care professional. It also includes involvement in the development of pre-hospital and in-hospital emergency medical systems.

WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE (EuSEM)?

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WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE IN EUROPE?

Emergency Medicine is currently recognised as an independent specialty in 9 member states of the European Union (EU Directive 2005/36/EC) and in some other EU countries it exists as a superspecialty. The European Society for Emergency Medicine considers that the provision of high quality emergency care requires physicians

with specialised training in Emergency Medicine because this is the most effective way (in both clinical and financial terms) to provide high quality care during the critical initial stages of emergency treatment. All European countries should thus work towards the establishment of Emergency Medicine as a primary medical specialty.

WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPLES OF EuSEM POLICY?

The European Society for Emergency Medicine seeks to ensure:

- The highest quality of emergency care for all patients
- The delivery of such care by specialists trained in Emergency Medicine
- A comparable standard of clinical care in Emergency Departments across Europe

In order to achieve these objectives EuSEM has the following aims:

- European competency-based core curriculum to include:
 - Patient Care
 - Medical Knowledge
 - Communication, collaboration and interpersonal skills
 - Professionalism, ethical and legal issues
 - Organisational planning and service management skills
 - Academic activities – education and research
- Education and training programmes to deliver this core curriculum
- Assessment and examination structure to confirm that the necessary competencies have been acquired

- Clinical standards and a robust audit programme to ensure that these standards are being achieved
- Research projects to contribute to the development of an international evidence base for the specialty
- Inclusion of Emergency Medicine as a core part of the medical undergraduate curriculum

WHAT TRAINING SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PRACTISE EMERGENCY MEDICINE IN EUROPE?

The EU Doctors' Directive requires that training in Emergency Medicine should be for a minimum of 5 years. EuSEM has already published a European core curriculum for the specialty and is now working with a Multidisciplinary Joint Committee of the Union Europeenne des Medecins Specialistes (UEMS). This Committee is overseeing a revision of the core curriculum and is considering the principles involved in the establishment and organisation of training programmes of comparable standard in recognised departments across Europe. A first draft of the curriculum was released in July 2008.

SUMMARY OF EuSEM POLICY

The main objective of EuSEM is to ensure the highest quality of emergency care for patients. This care should be delivered by physicians trained in Emergency Medicine. Emergency Medicine should be developed as a primary medical specialty in all European countries in order that patients have access to high quality emergency care.

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