



BESEDIM is the Belgian Society of Emergency and Disaster medicine found 20 years ago and renewed in 2009. BESEDIM is a scientific society devoted to emergency physicians and physicians in training from Dutch and French-speaking parts of the country.

Emergency Medicine in Belgium:

- 1995: General diploma for practising emergency medicine by any physician: 120h training
- 1995: Emergency Specialist recognised after 2 extra-year from another speciality
- 2005: Emergency Physician is a recognised specialist after 6 years training
- 2005: Acute Physician is a recognised specialist after 3 years training (transitional solution)
- 2010: General diploma after 120h training is suppressed
- 2011: first “true” Emergency Physicians finished their training

Activities of BESEDIM since 2009:

- One-day annual national congress in 2010, 2011, 2012 (<http://www.medicast.be/BESEDIM2012/>). Two-days symposium in Jnauray 2013.. One-day annual joint congress with another Belgian society: Toxicology (2010), Geriatrics (2012), Disaster Medicine (2012), Pediatrics (2013): www.prem2013.be and Nephrology (2013).
- Support to clinical research activities: national survey over overcrowding in Belgian emergency units (2012) , web enquetes
- Representation and expertise
- Website since 2013: <http://www.besedim.be/>

BESEDIM membership:

Around 200 members (physicians and trainees) in 2012 amongst around 1000 physicians in emergency medicine in Belgium