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Emergency Departments – Organizational Change

The acute patients are now mostly coming to the new EDs which are now functioning as planned to a certain extent, but with very different organizations.

The Minister of Health has initiated “Overview” of the new EDs, and although DASEM is not involved directly, we’re contributing to the process through various channels.

Research

Still growing, now three professors and a fourth might be coming. Many small research centers.

Specialty

Same status – still a “Medical competency” as ad-on to a basic specialty.

The general mood among many central players is slowly changing towards a specialty but the official road to change is still long and unpredictable.

Education

- A rapidly growing numbers of specialists has the “Medical competency” approved.
- One region is still offering a 2-year specialist course in “Emergency Medicine”, combined with a similar course for nurses (although only 1-year).
- Two EDs have taken on a project where they each employ one junior doctor who goes through a 5-year educational programme linked to a Swedish University. Most of the training will be in Denmark (some in Sweden) and afterwards the doctors will hopefully be able to have the Swedish specialist recognition – and are still offered a job in the original ED in Denmark. There have been some official protests (e.g. from the young doctors union), but many also respect the project as one of the only solutions to solve the problem of recruiting and maintaining well-educated doctors in the ED.

Activities and development of the society

- About to implement an Ultrasound curriculum in accordance with the EuSEM/IFEM standards.
- Great success with organizing the work in subcommittees – many more members engaged in the work.
- Growing success with our national conferences Danish Emergency Medicine Conference. Number five in April 2013 with 500 participants and cooperation with both emergency nurses and the paramedics/ambulance personnel.
- Often invited for cooperation meetings and/or debates with other specialties.

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