

**Report from DGINA/GAfEM
(German Association for Emergency Medicine)**

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Last year DGINA changed its name officially to show more international orientation and being more inclusive for everyone who is professionally involved in Emergency Medicine on a full-time basis. For those who understand German: DGINA stands now for 'Deutsche Gesellschaft Interdisziplinäre Notfall- und Akutmedizin' and the English abbreviation will be GAfEM which stands for 'German Association for Emergency Medicine'.

Concerning the situation of a speciality of Emergency Medicine, further steps have been taken. Established specialities have now acknowledged the need for further education in Emergency Medicine in Germany and have recently officially suggested a super-specialty which is now in open competition with the DGINA recommendation to establish an independent speciality in EM.

This competition is a new basis for constructive discussions in the different regional chambers and the national chamber of physicians, the 'Bundesärztekammer'. A super-specialty can be obtained in 7 years, only 2 – 2.5 of which need to be performed in the Emergency Department. Thus, the education is not very focussed and similar educational success can be approached in shorter periods when a strict curriculum is followed.

The establishment of a section 'Emergency Medicine' in the UEMS is an important facet in this discussion with the established specialties and will support our way through the institutions. However, the German members in this UEMS section belong to the supporters for the super-specialty which is one of the peculiarities of the German way to a highly professional Emergency Medicine.