

Report from the Hellenic Society of Emergency Medicine

As the world knows, we are still at the centre of an economic crisis, the end of which is not visible. As a result, Emergency Departments' visits have risen by more than 20% in most EDs in the country. This, in combination with the continuous departure of doctors from hospitals, makes our task non-manageable most of the time.

We are still on the 'waiting list' of the Ministry of the Health (since February 2011) for the activation of the recognized supra-specialty of Emergency Medicine. As this activation would obviously mean new doctors posts in public hospitals and new posts have been frozen since 2010, we do not know when activation may take place.

On the other hand, we did have a very successful Conference on Emergency Medicine in Athens (October 2012) with more than 500 delegates which helped to increase our members to 210!

We have decided not to hold a conference in 2013, but instead we are organising one or two local seminars in EM in one or two big cities.

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