

Israeli Association for Emergency Medicine - IAEM
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Background:

The Israeli Association for Emergency Medicine (IAEM) is a relatively young Union (two decades) and incorporates physicians whose main activity is in the emergency department (ED), with about 150 members.

Specialization in emergency medicine in Israel was first recognized as a subspecialty on year 2000.

Pediatric emergency medicine was recognized as a subspecialty on year 2008.

Emergency medicine as direct (basic) specialty has been recognized three years ago (2011).
Emergency departments in Israel treat about 3 million cases \ year, adults and children with rate of about 36 visits per 100 persons per year.

Objectives of the Association:

- Promotion of emergency medicine in the country and providing the best possible medical response to millions of patients presenting in the emergency departments at all times 24\7.
- Protecting the interests and rights of our doctors and improvement of the difficult working conditions.
- Training new generations of Emergency Medicine specialists to meet the needs and standards of the modern emergency medicine and close the gaps and level with advanced emergency medicine which has been institutionalized for decades in the United States and other countries.
- Encourage academic activity and research and include them as integral part of the specialization in particular and in our practice in general

Activities and Landmarks on 2013:

- 1) The 17-th annual scientific conference of the Association was held on march\ 2013 and there was massive participation of our doctors, nursing workers and paramedics.
- 2) Organization of workshops for our residents on different Topics in emergency medicine.
- 3) In November 2012 the "Monitoring Committee" which includes members from the Israeli Medical Association (IMA) and governmental representatives agreed to reduce weekly working hours for doctors who work full-time in the ED to 36 hours instead 42 hours.
- 4) On June & November 2013- Stage 1+2 specialty exams for residents in both adult as well as pediatric emergency medicine were held.
- 5) 2013 working diligently to organize and formalize mandatory emergency medical course of 4 semesters and include it in the internship syllabus.
- 6) 2013-2014 A committee was appointed for the advancement and improvement of emergency medicine by our health minister. The report of the committee was submitted to the minister in January 2014 hoping that its conclusions will be soon implemented.

Regards,
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