Italian Society of Emergency Medicine

The Italian Society of Emergency Medicine (SIMEU) counts 3,010 Full Members in 2013, 20% of which are Nurses and 25% Junior Emergency Physicians. The Policy of SIMEU is particularly focused on:

- Education and Training
  - Ultrasounds
  - Non Invasive Ventilation
  - Basic and Advanced Resuscitation in Adult and Pediatric patients
  - Blood gases, fluids and electrolytes management
  - EKG diagnosis
  - Management in EMS
  - Young Section and Specialty
  - Summer School for young physicians
  - Summer School for nurses

- Epidemiologic and Clinical Research
  - Management and Standard In EMS: systematic and periodic assessment
  - Multicenter Trial on relevant Emergency Medicine issues (i.e.: hypoglycemia, brain injuries in patients treated with antiplatlets and oral anticoagulants

The Official Journal of the Society is the Italian Journal of Emergency Medicine, published by CG Edizioni Medico Scientifiche srl. Members of SIMEU are part of the Editorial Board of Internal and Emergency Medicine, the Official Journal of Italian Society of Internal Medicine (Impact Factor: 2.345), published by Springer with a section dedicated to Emergency Medicine.

SIMEU is member of the Italian Federation of Emergency Medicine and Disaster (FIMEUC) that counts overall 8,000 members involved in Adult and Child Pre-Hospital and Hospital Emergency.

In 2008, the Specialty in Emergency Medicine was activated in Italy after almost 10 years of efforts by SIMEU and Academic Organizations. Currently, we have 25 Residency Programs; the Italian curriculum is based in the European Curriculum and the residency program is lasting 5 years. Averly year, about 90 resident positions are open through Italy, a number clearly insufficient compared to the 12,000 Emergency Physicians working in the Italian pre-hospital and Hospital Emergency System.

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