

**Nederlandse Vereniging van Spoedeisende Hulp Artsen (NVSHA)**  
**Netherlands Society of Emergency Physicians (NSEP)**

The Netherlands Society of Emergency Physicians (NSEP) was founded in 1999. Today the society has nearly 600 members, of which over 220 are registered emergency physicians and 180 are residents.

Twenty-seven hospitals host a three-year training programme which, since 2008, is based on a national curriculum. Emergency medicine is not (yet) registered as a primary specialty, but since January 2009 emergency physicians are registered as a 'profile' in the Registry for Medical Specialists.

With a population of 17 million, the Netherlands is one of the most densely populated areas in Europe. There are 102 hospitals with an emergency medicine department. Of these, eight are University medical centres. Together with three more hospitals they facilitate 11 trauma centres in the Netherlands. There is also a national coverage for primary coronary intervention. Annual patient volumes seen in the emergency medicine departments vary from 12,000 to 50,000.

Pre-hospital acute care is largely delivered by general practitioners in their own offices during the day, and during evening, night and weekend hours in acute care posts which are mostly situated near emergency medicine departments. Ambulance services (112 emergencies) cover the country with an estimated arrival-on-the-scene time of 15 minutes after first contact.

The Netherlands Society of Emergency Physicians is proud to host 'EuSEM 2014' in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

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