



Report of the Spanish Society of Emergency Medicine (SEMES) for EuSEM meeting of 11/10/2010, in Stockholm.

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One of the main objectives of SEMES is that the Spanish Government approve the creation of the specialty of emergency medicine. For several years the SEMES is working to achieve this objective. By the time, we got to the Health Commission of the Spanish parliament passed a NLP (non-legislative proposal) which urges the Government to create the specialty. The Government has stated on many occasions its willingness to create it, but we want to change the current system of specialized training.

This amendment would basically bring all officially recognized specialties in four trunks (groupings of specialties): medical, surgical, laboratory and image. The specialties of the same trunk have a common training of two years. After those two years each speciality will complete their own specialty specific training program

It is anticipated that these amendments be adopted before the end of the year. If so, Health Authorities are committed to creating the specialty of emergency immediately and incorporate it into the trunk medical. For specific training in emergency, after two years in common with the other specialties of the same trunk, the Ministry of Health wants to be another only two years, which would have an emergency training period of only four years instead five like in the rest of Europe.

In SEMES we have many doubts about the true intentions of the Government, we are determined to institute measures of pressure to push the Government to the creation of the specialty, including the announcement that we will not participate in the training of residents other specialties. And if necessary, would be willing to mobilize more than 6000 doctors that they are working in different emergency departments and outpatient.

In addition, we are working on specific emergency continued education, in research projects, and also in accreditation programs the emergency departments and emergency units, while we are developing own program of clinical safety for patients in ED.

Finally, tell them that we are making efforts to make our official journal "*Emergencias*" is indexed by Thomson Reuters. In that process we had the support of multiple scientific societies, including EuSEM through your president, Dr. Gunnar Ohlen, to which we thank for their strongest support.

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