

Swiss Society of Emergency Medicine (SGNOR / SSMUS) 2012 Report

SGNOR is based on 3 pillars: preclinical emergency medicine, clinical emergency medicine and catastrophe medicine. While preclinical emergency medicine is accepted and established nationwide, there is a growing need for clinical emergency physicians in the management and daily work of emergency wards. However, clinical emergency medicine is not fully accepted by other professional associations. A wide-ranging discussion on the subject of clinical emergency medicine therefore took place in 2012, including representatives of major medical associations and the Swiss Institute for Medical Education, which administers the qualification of 'specialist'. We feel confident that in the next few years we will find a way to establish clinical emergency medicine as a stand-alone specialist qualification.

Cooperation has been strengthened with the Swiss Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine, Surgery, Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine to create modular ultrasound training, which will meet the relevant needs. There is extremely strong demand for the existing courses, demonstrating that the correct strategy has been chosen.

Activity on many fronts and increasing attendance at major conferences of several medical associations (Anaesthesia, Intensive Care Medicine, Internal Medicine) has led to growing acceptance and networking of SGNOR throughout Switzerland, as an expert partner to be taken seriously in all matters of emergency and catastrophe medicine. Well-designed courses, established examination and visitation systems as well as an ever-growing number of members enable us to look to the future with confidence.

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