



Choose a career in Emergency Medicine

Make a Difference!

## Discover your Future Emergency Medicine

The face of America is changing.  
It grows more diverse each day.

The Society for Academic  
Emergency Medicine is  
committed to keeping pace.

You can make a difference  
and change the face of  
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It is never too early to start thinking about your academic and professional future. Here are a few things to know about why Emergency Medicine might be right for you.



#### There is a need

In terms of acuity, variety, and patient demographics, no other specialty sees as diverse a patient population as Emergency Medicine (EM). We treat over **110 million** patients annually in the United States.

That is one out of every 3 Americans per year. A significant proportion of our Emergency Department (ED) visits are patients of minority background. In 2000, minorities accounted for 31.6% of the US population. By 2050, this is projected to reach **50%**.

Unfortunately for many of these individuals, the emergency department serves as their safety net because of increasingly difficult access to primary care. **We need bright individuals of all backgrounds, to reflect the community they live in as well as the changing national landscape.** As a patient advocate, you will be responsible for obtaining the best care for your patients, regardless of socioeconomics or demographics. **For medical students interested in making a difference in people's lives, Emergency Medicine literally offers the world.**

#### Rewarding opportunities

- An opportunity to give back to society. There are ample opportunities to make an impact on the lives of the patient population you serve.
- Opportunities to take care of patients, often at their greatest moments of need.
- Broad medical training. **You are the expert for emergent conditions in every field of medicine!**
- Interaction with a broad range of medical specialists and every aspect of the hospital organization.
- You are often able to fix the immediate problem and help the patient enter the medical system so that they may recover their original quality of life.

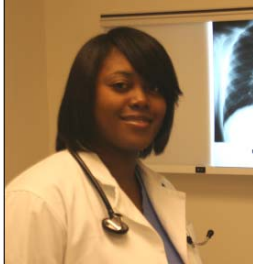
#### Training

Emergency medicine training is 3-4 years in length after medical school. Training emphasizes the acute care components of all illnesses and injuries, with special attention to critical care patients. As an EM resident, you will learn to be:

- a **clinician**,
- a **teacher**, and foremost,
- a **patient advocate**.

## Come find out about a dynamic, rewarding career in **Emergency Medicine**

You will learn to make clinical decisions based on your own interpretation of EKGs, imaging studies, and laboratory tests.



You will become an expert in:

- acute airway management
- central venous access
- trauma and medical resuscitation
- chest tube placement
- ultrasonography
- suturing
- joint aspiration
- fracture and dislocation reduction
- minor surgical procedures
- procedural sedation
- and more

### Diversity in choices

As the specialty is still growing, **there is a need for role models** both in academic and community hospitals. There is a significant need at academic centers for more minority faculty from both a patient care and an educational perspective.

**Academic faculty** members hold an academic title, conduct clinical and basic research, and teach medical students, emergency medicine residents, as well as emergency physicians in the community. There will be career opportunities in academic EM settings for many years.

You can develop **expertise** in an increasing array of areas:

- Cardiovascular Emergencies
- Clinical Forensic Medicine
- Critical Care Medicine
- Disaster Medicine
- Emergency Medicine Administration
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS , Prehospital Care)
- International Medicine
- Geriatric Emergency Medicine
- Hyperbaric Medicine



- Medical Education/Clinical Testing
- Medical Informatics
- Neurologic Emergencies
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Public Health
- Research
- Ultrasonography
- Wilderness Medicine

**Clinical practice** opportunities are just as diverse. Only 50% of all Emergency Medicine positions in the country are currently being staffed by Board Certified emergency physicians. Hours can be flexible to accommodate a variety of lifestyles, parenting, community and professional opportunities, hobbies, and other outside interests. There is a wide range of patient populations you can choose to serve, ranging from rural to inner city. The nature of the practice varies as widely as the populations served.

### Lifelong learning

As an emergency physician, you must be prepared to take care of all patients, male or female, medical or surgical, young or old. ***You will have the opportunity to continually learn, teach, expand your skills and develop new talents throughout your career.***

### Interested in taking the next step?

If you are energetic, motivated, flexible, comfortable with uncertainty, capable of multi-tasking, and skilled with your hands, you will do well in this specialty. **Diversity starts with you.**

For more information:

1. Check with your medical school to see if there are EM representatives to speak with you.
2. Go to the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) home page for medical students: <http://www.saem.org/inform/02med.htm>.
3. Sign up for a Virtual Advisor through SAEM: <http://saem.org/advisor/index.htm>
4. Contact SAEM or Council of Residency Directors (CORD) directly at [www.saem.org](http://www.saem.org) or [www.cordem.org](http://www.cordem.org).
5. Visit the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association (EMRA) website at [www.emra.org](http://www.emra.org).

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