










EM Organization Overview

A Guide to Getting Involved in the Alphabet Soup of Emergency Medicine




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Organization	What are they about?	How do you get involved?
ACEP and its Advocacy and Research Organizations		
 <p>American College of Emergency Physicians®</p> <p>www.acep.org</p>	<p>ACEP is the largest representative group in EM with over 34K members. Goal to promote the highest quality EM care and advocate for EM. ACEP creates Clinical Practice Guidelines accepted as the “standard” in EM, runs NEMPAC, and publishes Annals of EM.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend annual Scientific Assembly, or Leadership & Advocacy Conference (LAC) - Apply for a Committee - Join and participate in a subspecialty or interest-based Section - Join the ACEP 911 network for real time updates on advocacy efforts - Get active in your state chapter - Become a Councilor at the ACEP Council, write a Council Resolution, & vote! - Submit to Annals of EM. Can also apply to be an editor. - Attending physicians may run for Board of Directors
 <p>EMF Emergency Medicine Foundation</p> <p>research • education • patient care</p> <p>www.emfoundation.org</p>	<p>Foundation dedicated to further EM research and education. EMF has awarded over \$15 million in research grants and award > \$500K each year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make a tax deductible donation - Set up AmazonSmile to auto give to EMF when you use Amazon without you paying anything extra! - Apply for a research grant - Join the Review Committee - Attending physicians can apply to be on the EMF Board of Directors
 <p>EM Action Fund</p>	<p>Run by ACEP, EMAF is dedicated to regulatory advocacy in healthcare reform – specifically to regulatory language that governs the practice of EM. Board of Governors includes reps from top contributing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make a donation

	<p>organizations including AAEM, ACOEP, AACEM, EMRA, EDPMA, and SAEM.</p>	
 <p>www.emergencyphysicianspac.org</p>	<p>Formed by ACEP, one of the largest PACs among health care professionals, contributing over \$1 million each year to support federal candidates who support the interests of EM.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make a donation. If you give at the “Give a Shift Level,” you are invited to a networking reception at ACEP SA and ACEP’s LAC conferences each year.
<p>Additional Representative Member Organizations</p>		
 <p>www.emra.org</p>	<p>Largest & oldest independent resident organization in the world with over 16K members. Mission is to be the voice of EM physicians in training.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend EMRA events @ CORD & ACEP conferences - Compete in an event like Quiz Show or 20 in 6 - Represent your program on EMRA’s Representative Council (RepCo) - Write a Resolution or get involved at RepCo - Join a Committee - Apply to be an EMRA Rep to an ACEP Committee - Run for the Board of Directors - Apply for national Medical Student Council - Write for EM Resident magazine. Can also apply for Editorial Committee. -
 <p>www.aaem.org</p>	<p>Main goal to “promote fair and equitable practice environments necessary to allow emergency physicians to deliver the highest quality of patient care.” Focus on democratic physician partnerships / the practice of the individual emergency physician.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend annual Scientific Assembly, or Health Policy Symposium & Advocacy Day - Get active in AAEM-RSA (Resident-Student Association) - Apply for a Committee - Get involved in a subspecialty Section - Attending physicians can run for the Board of Directors

 <p>www.acoep.org</p>	<p>Originally formed to establish the specialty of EM within the osteopathic profession, mission is to promote emergency care consistent with osteopathic philosophy and principles.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend the annual Spring Symposium - Apply for a Committee - Get active in their Resident & Student Organization (RSO)
 <p>https://www.ama-assn.org/</p>	<p>Promotes the art and science of medicine across all specialties, and the betterment of public health. Includes a House of Delegates as well as interest based Sections. Operates the "RUC" – committee that writes CPT billing codes in medicine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend the Annual Meeting - Attend AMA Lobby Day in Washington DC - Get involved in your med school chapter, or national Resident & Fellow Section (RFS) - Write a resolution for the House of Delegates to consider - Attending physicians, one med student and one resident make up the Board of Trustees - Submit to the Journal of the AMA (JAMA) - Donate to AMA Foundation
 <p>www.cordem.org</p>	<p>Dedicated to the advancement of EM educators and training programs. This organization is home to program directors and leadership, clerkship directors, and clerkship and program coordinators.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend annual Academic Assembly (spring) - Compete with a CPC case - Apply for a Committee - Apply for the Resident or Attending seat on the CORD Board of Directors - Interested in residency program leadership? Apply for the CORD Residency Administration Fellowship

 <p>www.edpma.org</p>	<p>National trade association representing ED physician groups, billing and coding companies, and supporting organizations devoted to providing quality care in the ED. Members are organizations. Mission to advocate for ED provider groups and their partners to enhance quality patient care through operational excellence and financial stability.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend annual EDPMA Solutions Summit – with strong focus on current legislative and regulatory changes in EM - Attend an online or in-person seminar or workshop
 <p>www.saem.org</p>	<p>Primary mission is the advancement of academic EM – improving emergency care through improving research and education. SAEM is home to the Academic Chairs of EM (AACEM) and publishes Academic Emergency Medicine (AEM).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend annual meeting - Join a Committee, Academy, or Interest Group - Become a Medical Student Ambassador - Get active in Resident & Med Student (RAMS) group - Submit to Academic Emergency Medicine (AEM). Can also apply to be an editor. - Donate to the SAEM Foundation for research in EM, or apply for a grant - Attending physicians may run for the Board of Trustees
<p>Certification / Accreditation Groups</p>		
 <p>www.abem.org</p>	<p>Write & host the EM board certification exam with goal to “ensure the highest standards in the specialty.” Also manage the “Model of Clinical Practice of EM” – serves as the basis for both content on ABEM exams as well as curriculum content in standard EM residency training.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boarded physicians of 5+ yrs are welcomed as written test question writers and oral examiners - Boarded physicians of 10+ yrs can run for the Board of Directors

 <p>Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education</p> <p>www.acgme.org</p>	<p>Accredits residency and fellowship programs, and supports initiatives in graduate medical education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply for the EM position on the Resident Council (Council of Review Committee Residents, CRCR) and get involved in their Leadership, Engagement & Outreach, and Well-being subcommittees. More info through EMRA or ACGME. - Attendings can apply for a position on the Residency Review Committee (RRC) as well. <i>*Some limitations based current membership of the committee to ensure variety of location/state.</i>
<p>A few other EM-related groups</p>		
 <p>www.aliem.com</p>	<p>A virtually based, social enterprise, medical education startup comprised of mostly volunteer members who create online educational platforms and virtual communities for users.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Join an Incubator or Think Tank - Read & Comment on their blog - Have an idea or see a project you want to help with? E-mail them and pitch your idea!
 <p>www.FemInEM.org</p>	<p>Open access resource to discuss, discover, and affect the journey of women working in emergency medicine. Aims to address gender disparities in a positive way, empowering physicians of both genders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend annual FIX Conference - Apply to speak at FIX - Read & Comment on their blog + twitter - Join their list of speakers in the FemInEm Speakers' Bureau, apply through the website



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Aims to promote access to, and lead to the development of, high quality EM care systems for all people globally. Typically can get involved through one of their members or affiliate members, including ACEP, AAEM, and ACOEP.

- Attend annual **International Conference on Emergency Medicine**
- Join a **Committee or Interest Group**
- Attend the **IFEM Assembly**