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Emergency medicine

Doctors in emergency medicine carry out the immediate assessment and treatment of patients with serious and life-threatening illnesses and injuries.

You'll work mainly in the accident and emergency departments of hospitals.

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Life as an emergency doctor

You could also work in other settings such as minor injuries units, at major events or in regional trauma networks. It's a 24/7 service so you'll work shifts including evenings and weekends.

There is no such thing as a typical day, which is why emergency medicine is so interesting. You'll see people of all ages and from all walks of life, including casualties from road traffic accidents, older people without support and substance abusers. You could go from treating someone with a broken bone to caring for a patient in cardiac arrest [3], or dealing with a person with mental health issues.

Emergency medicine allows you to use a huge range of clinical skills to assess and prioritise patients. It means you keep good knowledge of most specialities as you work with the team to plan treatment, save lives and help patients recover. About a fifth of patients are admitted to hospital so you build expert understanding of hospital emergency medical systems.

How much can I earn?

You'll first earn a salary when you start your <u>foundation training</u> [4] after medical school. Find out details of current salary ranges for foundation and specialty training, <u>SAS doctors</u> [5] and consultants on the <u>'Pay for doctors'</u> [6] page.

How about the benefits?

- make a difference
- flexible and part-time working

- high income early in your career
- work anywhere in the world
- · excellent pension scheme
- good holiday entitlement
- NHS discounts in shops and restaurants

Must-have skills

- excellent communication skills to manage a wide range of relationships with colleagues, and patients and their families
- emotional resilience, a calm temperament and the ability to work well under pressure
- teamwork and the capacity to lead multidisciplinary teams
- problem-solving and diagnostic skills
- outstanding organisational ability and effective decision-making skills including prioritisation
- first-class time and resource management for the benefit of patients

Entry requirements

Your first step is medical school. Typically, you'll need excellent GCSEs and three A or A* passes at A level including chemistry for a five-year undergraduate degree in medicine. Many medical schools also ask for biology and others may require maths or physics.

If you already have a degree, you could study for a four-year postgraduate degree in medicine.

You'll need to pass an interview and admissions test. You'll be asked to show how you demonstrate the NHS values such as compassion and respect.

Some medical schools look to recruit a mix of students from different backgrounds and geographical areas, so your educational and economic background and family circumstances could be considered as part of your application.

"I love the challenge and variety of the work and being part of a high-performing team. Knowing that you can always rely on your team of nurses and doctors is very reassuring and there's a great sense of camaraderie."

Read Clare's story [7].

What are my chances of starting a career in emergency medicine?

In 2020 there were 863 applications for 348 emergency medicine specialty training posts.

How to become a doctor in emergency medicine

After medical school, you'll join the paid two-year <u>foundation programme</u> [8] where you'll work in six placements in different settings.

After your foundation programme, you can apply for paid <u>specialty training</u> [8] to become an emergency doctor, which will take a minimum of six years.

You may be able to train part-time, for example for health reasons or if you have family or caring responsibilities.

Where a career in emergency medicine can take you

You could:

- specialise and conduct research in areas such as paediatric emergency medicine and pre-hospital emergency medicine
- study for joint qualification with intensive care [9] medicine
- teach medical students or postgraduate students in training
- get involved in research at universities, the NHS or private sector

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Camberley, GU16 7UJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust

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Consultant Emergency Medicine

Watford, WD18 0HB

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Cambridge, CB2 0QQ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cambridge University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Llantrisant, CF72 8XR

Salary:

£106000.00 to £154760.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

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Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Sutton in Ashfield, NG17 4JL

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Emergency Medicine Specialty Doctor

Braddan, IM4 4RJ

Salary:

£53614.00 to £98969.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Manx Care

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Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Bradford, BD9 6RJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Consultant - Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Buckinghamshire, HP21 8AL

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

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Speciality Doctor in Emergency Medicine

Uxbridge, UB8 3NN

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Oldham, OL12JH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust

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<u>(opens in a new window)</u> [19]

Locum Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Swindon, SN3 6BB

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Specialty Doctor Emergency Medicine (EDGH)

Eastbourne, BN21 2UD

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor Emergency Medicine (EDGH) job (opens in a new window) [21]

o Training Programme Director - Emergency Medicine

Manchester, M1 3BN

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Secondment

Employer:

NHS England

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Training Programme Director - Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [22]

Speciality Doctor in Emergency Medicine

Chesterfield, S44 5BL

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Speciality Doctor in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [23]

Specialty Doctor Emergency Medicine (Conquest Hospital)

St Leonards-on-sea, TN37 7RD

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor Emergency Medicine (Conquest Hospital) job (opens in a new window) [24]

Trust Registrar in Paediatric Emergency Medicine

London, N18 1QX

Salary:

£64787.00 to £96432.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Registrar in Paediatric Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [25]

TPD Emergency Medicine - ST3 North (WM)

Birmingham, B2 4HQ

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Secondment

Employer:

NHS England

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TPD Emergency Medicine -ST3 South (WM)

Birmingham,, B2 4HQ

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Secondment

Employer:

NHS England

Apply now on NHS Jobs for TPD Emergency Medicine -ST3 South (WM) job (opens in a new window) [27]

Senior Fellow in Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Gloucester, GL1 3NN

Salary:

£61825.00 to £70425.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Locum Consultant in Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine

London, E1 1FR

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant in Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [29]

SCF - Emergency Medicine (Education, Finance & Creative Writing)

London, SW10 9NH

Salary:

£41750.00 to £64288.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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ST4+ Level - Clinical Fellow in Emergency Medicine

London, SE1 7EH

Salary:

£61825.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

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Junior Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Emergency Medicine

London, W2 1NY

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

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Training Programme Director for Emergency Medicine, South London

London, E14 4PU

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Secondment

Employer:

NHS England

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Training Programme Director for Emergency Medicine, South London job (opens in a new window) [33]

Trust Doctors (eqv to ST4+) in Emergency Medicine

London, E1 1FR

Salary:

£49559.00 to £64288.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Doctors (eqv to ST4+) in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [34]

Medicines Management Technician - Emergency Floor

Liverpool, L7 8YE

Salary:

£29970.00 to £36483.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Medicines Management Technician - Emergency Floor job (opens in a new window) [35]

Medicines Management Pharmacy Tech - Acute Medicine & Emergency Care

Dudley, DY12HQ

Salary:

£26530.00 to £36483.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Medicines Management Pharmacy Tech - Acute Medicine & Emergency Care job (opens in a new window) [36]

Clinical Fellow in Emergency Medicine and Point of Care Ultrasound

London, SE1 7EH

Salary:

£61825.00 to £70425.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clinical Fellow in Emergency Medicine and Point of Care Ultrasound job (opens in a new window) [37]

Head of Operations - Urgent, Emergency and Acute Medicine

Ashford, TN24 0LZ

Salary:

£74290.00 to £85601.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Head of Operations - Urgent, Emergency and Acute

Medicine job (opens in a new window) [38]

General Manager: Emergency Department, Acute Medicine and Stroke

London, Epsom, SM51AA

Salary:

£80025.00 to £91336.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for General Manager: Emergency Department, Acute

Medicine and Stroke job (opens in a new window) [39]

Emergency Care Practitioner

Coventry, CV2 2DX

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust

<u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Care Practitioner job (opens in a new window)</u> [40]

Emergency Practitioner - ED

Redhill, RH1 5RH

Salary:

£28304.00 to £32389.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

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Emergency Team Assistant

London, W6 8RF

Salary:

£27948.00 to £29468.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Team Assistant job (opens in a new window) [42]

Clerical Officer - Emergency Department

Sheffield, S10 2TH

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clerical Officer - Emergency Department job (opens in a new window) [43]

Lead Pharmacist - Emergency Department

Chichester, PO19 6SE

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)

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Emergency department Clinical Educator

Bury St. Edmunds, IP33 2QZ

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency department Clinical Educator job (opens in a new window) [45]

Clinical Leader Emergency Department

Barrow In Furness, LA14 4LF

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clinical Leader Emergency Department job (opens in a new window) [46]

Service Manager - Emergency Department

Hillingdon, UB83NN

Salary:

£51883.00 to £58544.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Service Manager - Emergency Department job (opens in a new window) [47]

Ward Manager Emergency Department

Grimsby, DN33 2BA

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager Emergency Department job (opens in a new window) [48]

Emergency Department Assistant (EDA)

London, E13 8RU

Salary:

£29176.00 to £30225.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Department Assistant (EDA) job (opens in a new window) [49]

Clinical Leader - Emergency Department

Lancaster, LA1 4RP

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clinical Leader - Emergency Department job (opens in a new window) [50]

Emergency Department Unit Leader

Wigan, WN1 2NN

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Wrightington Wigan & Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Department Unit Leader job (opens in a new window) [51]

Senior Occupational Therapist Emergency care

Colchester, CO4 5JL

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Occupational Therapist Emergency care job

(opens in a new window) [52]

Further information

These organisations have further information about being a doctor in emergency medicine, particularly as your career progresses. Take a look.

Royal College of Physicians [53]

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh [54]

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow [55]

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine [56]

The Intercollegiate Board for Training in Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine (IBTPHEM)

Emergency Medicine Trainees Association [58]

The Heart of England Foundation Trust's Emergency Department [59]

The Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine [60]

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Association of Paediatric Emergency Medicine (APEM) [64]

Faculty of Pre-hospital Care, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh [65]

The Society for Acute Medicine (SAM) [66]

Heartlands ED [67]

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