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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 <u>cardiac arrest</u> [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
- Live vacancies

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#### • Consultant - Emergency Medicine

Camberley, GU16 7UJ

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant - Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new</u> window) [10]

#### • Consultant Emergency Medicine

Watford, WD18 0HB Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [11]

#### • Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Sutton in Ashfield, NG17 4JL

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new

window) [12]

#### • Consultant Emergency Medicine (EDGH)

Eastbourne, BN21 2UD

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Emergency Medicine (EDGH) job (opens in a new window) [13]

#### • Emergency Medicine Specialty Doctor

Braddan, IM4 4RJ Salary: £53614.00 to £98969.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Manx Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Medicine Specialty Doctor job (opens in a <u>new window)</u> [14]

#### • Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 9DT Salary: £106000.00 to £154760.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [15]

#### Consultant in Emergency Medicine

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Yeovil, BA21 4AT
Salary:
	£105504.00 to £139882.00
Type:
	Permanent
Employer:
	Somerset NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new
	window) [16]
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#### Consultant - Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Buckinghamshire, HP21 8AL Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant - Paediatric Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [17]

#### Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Braddan, IM4 4RJ

Salary: £107327.00 to £185372.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Manx Care <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new</u> window) [18]

#### • Clinical Fellow in Addictions Medicine & Emergency Medicine

London, SE1 7EH

Salary:

£49909.00 to £61825.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clinical Fellow in Addictions Medicine & Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [19]

#### • Speciality Doctor in Emergency Medicine

Uxbridge, UB8 3NN

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Speciality Doctor in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [20]

#### • Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine

Swindon, SN3 6BB

Salary: £59175.00 to £95400.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [21]

#### • LOCUM CONSULTANT IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

London, E11 1NR

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Barts Health NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for LOCUM CONSULTANT IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE job (opens in a new window) [22]

#### • CT LAS in Emergency Medicine

Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 9DT Salary: £1767.60 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for CT LAS in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [23]

#### • Simulation Fellow in Emergency Medicine

Gloucester, GL1 3NN Salary: £61825.00 to £70425.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Simulation Fellow in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [24]

#### • Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine

Bradford, BD96RJ

Salary:

Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [25]

#### Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine

London, W2 1NY

Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [26]

#### • Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine

Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 9DT Salary: £59727.00 to £95400.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [27]

#### Junior Clinical Fellow in Emergency Medicine

London, EN5 3DJ Salary: £49909.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Junior Clinical Fellow in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [28]

#### • Trust Registrar in Paediatric Emergency Medicine

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London, N18 1QX
Salary:
£62625.00 to £96432.00
Type:
Fixed-Term
Employer:
Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust
<u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Registrar in Paediatric Emergency Medicine job</u>
(opens in a new window) [29]
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#### • Senior Clinical Fellow in Emergency Medicine

Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 9DT

Salary:

£43821.00 to £68330.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Clinical Fellow in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [30]

#### • Trust Grade Registrar in Emergency Medicine

Harrow, HA1 3UJ

Salary: £41750.00 to £64288.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Grade Registrar in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [31]

#### • 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) [32]

#### Trust Doctor CT1/2 in Emergency Medicine

Huddersfield, HD3 3EA Salary: Negotiable Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Doctor CT1/2 in Emergency Medicine 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 <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Doctors (eqv to ST4+) in Emergency Medicine</u> job (opens in a new window) [34]

#### • Senior Clinical Fellow in Simulation and Emergency Medicine

Preston, PR2 9HT

Salary:

£61825.00 Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Clinical Fellow in Simulation and Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [35]

#### Training Programme Director for Emergency Medicine, South London

London, E14 4PU

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

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Employer:

NHS England

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Training Programme Director for Emergency Medicine, South London job (opens in a new window) [36]

#### Junior Clinical Fellow with a Specialist Interest - Emergency Medicine

Harrow, HA1 3UJ Salary: £41750.00 to £54468.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer:

London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Junior Clinical Fellow with a Specialist Interest -Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [37]

#### Clinical Fellow ST4+ in Emergency Medicine & MDT Education/Simulation

Swindon, SN3 6BB

Salary:

£61825.00 to £70425.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clinical Fellow ST4+ in Emergency Medicine & MDT Education/Simulation job (opens in a new window) [38]

#### • Senior Clinical Fellow in Major Trauma and Emergency Medicine

Preston, PR2 9HT

Salary: £61825.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Clinical Fellow in Major Trauma and Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [39]

#### Day Shift - Emergency Admissions Officer - Emergency Care Services

Poole, BH15 2JB

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Day Shift - Emergency Admissions Officer -Emergency Care Services job (opens in a new window) [40]

#### • Emergency Care Practitioner

Coventry, CV2 2DX

Salary: £46148.00 to £52809.00 Type: Permanent Employer:

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Care Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [41]

#### Emergency Clinical Practitioner

Tenby, SA70 8AG

Salary: £46840.00 to £53602.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Hywel Dda University Health Board <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Clinical Practitioner job (opens in a new</u> <u>window)</u> [42]

#### Emergency Department Assistant

Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5TG

Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Isle of Wight NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Department Assistant job (opens in a new window) [43]

#### • Emergency Team Assistant

London, W2 1NY 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) [44]

#### Deputy Emergency Planning Manager

Wolverhampton, WV1 9SE

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Deputy Emergency Planning Manager job (opens in a new window) [45]

#### 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) [46]

#### • Emergency Call Taker Hampshire

Winchester, SO21 2RU

Salary:

£24071.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Call Taker Hampshire job (opens in a new window) [47]

#### • Emergency Call Taker Bicester

Bicester, OX26 6HR Salary: £24071.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Call Taker Bicester job (opens in a new window) [48]

#### Consultant in Emergency Department

Bury St. Edmunds, IP33 2QZ

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Emergency Department job (opens in a new window) [49]

#### • Sister, Accident and Emergency

Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Sister, Accident and Emergency job (opens in a new window) [50]

#### • Physician Associate - Emergency Department

Sutton and Epsom, SM5 1AA

Salary:

£51883.00 to £58544.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Physician Associate - Emergency Department job (opens in a new window) [51]

#### • Emergency Planning & Liaison Officer

Plymouth, PL6 8DH Salary: £53755.00 to £60504.00 Type: Permanent Employer: University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Planning & Liaison Officer job (opens in a <u>new window)</u> [52]

#### • 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) [53]

#### • 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) [54]

## 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 [55]

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh [56]

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow [57]

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine [58]

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

Emergency Medicine Trainees Association [60]

The Heart of England Foundation Trust's Emergency Department [61]

The Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine [62]

British Association for Immediate Care (BASICS) [63]

European Society for Emergency Medicine (EuSEM) [64]

International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM) [65]

Association of Paediatric Emergency Medicine (APEM) [66]

Faculty of Pre-hospital Care, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh [67]

The Society for Acute Medicine (SAM) [68]

Heartlands ED [69]

## Other roles that may interest you

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- Intensive care medicine [71]
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- Anaesthesia [73]

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