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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 foundation programme [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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• Consultant In Emergency Medicine

Steeton, BD20 6TD

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

Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Tooting, SW170QT Salary: £109725.00 to £145478.00 Type: Permanent Employer: St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [11]

Acute & Emergency Medicine Pharmacist

Wolverhampton, WV10 0QP

Salary:

£47810.00 to £54710.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Acute & Emergency Medicine Pharmacist job (opens in a new window) [12]

Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Newport, PO30 5TG Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Isle of Wight NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [13]

• Principal Pharmacist, Emergency Medicine

London, SM5 1AA Salary: £61631.00 to £68623.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Principal Pharmacist, Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [14]

• Specialty Doctor - Emergency Medicine

Bournemouth, BH7 7DW Salary: £61542.00 to £99216.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor - Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [15]

• Specialist in Emergency Medicine

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Newport, PO30 5TG
Salary:
	£96990.00 to £107155.00
Type:
	Permanent
Employer:
	Isle of Wight NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new
window) [16]
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• Senior Clinical Fellow - Emergency Medicine

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London, N18 1QX
Salary:
£61825.00
Type:
Fixed-Term
Employer:
Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Clinical Fellow - Emergency Medicine job
(opens in a new window) [17]
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Associate Specialist in Emergency Medicine

Guernsey, GY4 6UU

Salary: £73596.00 to £120415.00 Type: Permanent Employer: States of Guernsey <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Associate Specialist in Emergency Medicine job</u> (opens in a new window) [18]

• Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine

Slough, SL2 4HL Salary: £59175.00 to £95400.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [19]

• Locum Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Colchester, CO4 5JL

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [20]

• Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Blackpool, FY3 8NR

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [21]

• Locum Consultant in Emergency Medicine

EP 6SR, E9 6SR

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Locum Employer: Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [22]

LED Registrar-Emergency Medicine (ST3+)

Aylesbury, HP21 8AL

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for LED Registrar-Emergency Medicine (ST3+) job (opens in a new window) [23]

• Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Tooting, SW170QT

Salary: £109725.00 to £145478.00 Type: Permanent Employer: St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [24]

• Simulation Fellow in Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Derby, DE22 3NE

Salary:

£65048.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Simulation Fellow in Paediatric Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [25]

• Junior Clinical Fellow in Emergency Medicine

London, N18 1QX

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) [26]

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) [27]

Locum Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine

London, SE1 7EH Salary: Negotiable Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [28]

Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine - CESR Rotations

Wakefield, WF14DG Salary: £61542.00 to £99216.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine - CESR Rotations job (opens in a new window) [29]

• Trust Doctor (ST4+ equivalent) in Emergency Medicine

London, E13 8SL

Salary:

£49559.00 to £54468.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Doctor (ST4+ equivalent) in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [30]

Locally Employed Doctor in Emergency Medicine ST4+

Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Salary: £61825.00 to £70425.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locally Employed Doctor in Emergency Medicine ST4+ job (opens in a new window) [31]

• Rotational Senior Trust Doctor Post in Emergency Medicine

London, E9 6SR

Salary:

£41750.00 to £64288.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

<u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Rotational Senior Trust Doctor Post in Emergency</u> <u>Medicine job (opens in a new window)</u> [32]

Locally Employed Doctor (Higher) in Emergency Medicine - HGS sites

Birmingham, B9 5SS Sutton Coldfield, B75 7RR

Salary: £65048.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locally Employed Doctor (Higher) in Emergency

Consultant in General Paediatric interest in Paeds Emergency Medicine

Harrow, HA1 3UJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in General Paediatric interest in Paeds Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [34]

3974 - Locally Employed Doctor (CT3 equivalent) in Emergency Medicine

Barnsley, S75 2EP

Salary:

£65048.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for 3974 - Locally Employed Doctor (CT3 equivalent) in Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [35]

Emergency Practitioner

Burnham On Sea, TA8 1ED Salary: £46148.00 to £52809.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [36]

• Emergency Practitioner

Chard, TA20 1NF Bridgwater, TA6 4GU Minehead, TA24 6DF

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [37]

Emergency Preparedness Manager

Bristol, Totnes, BS1 6EH

Salary:

£40661.00 to £46613.00

Type:

Permanent Employer: UK Health Security Agency <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Preparedness Manager job (opens in a</u> <u>new window)</u> [38]

• Emergency Coordinator (Theatre)

Wakefield, WF1 4DG Salary: £38682.00 to £46580.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Coordinator (Theatre) job (opens in a new window) [39]

• Emergency Planning Adviser

Wakefield, WF1 3SP

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Planning Adviser job (opens in a new window) [40]

• Emergency Medical Technician

Scunthorpe, DN15 6AL

Salary: £18.00 to £21.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Central Medical Services <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Medical Technician job (opens in a new</u> <u>window)</u> [41]

Specialty Doctor - Emergency Department

Hampstead, NW3 2QG

Salary: £59175.00 to £95400.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor - Emergency Department job (opens</u> <u>in a new window)</u> [42]

• Consultant Colorectal Emergency Surgeon

Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DU

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Colorectal Emergency Surgeon job (opens in a new window) [43]

Emergency Department Patient Tracker

Southport, PR8 6PN Salary: £24937.00 to £26598.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Department Patient Tracker job (opens in a new window) [44]

• Event Emergency Care Assistant

Linby, NG15 8AA Salary: £13.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Central Medical Services Apply now on NHS Jobs for Event Emergency Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [45]

Emergency Department Progress Chaser

Wrexham, LL13 7TD Salary: £25313.00 to £26999.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Department Progress Chaser job (opens in a new window)</u> [46]

Nursing Assistant - Emergency Department

Bury st edmunds, IP33 2QZ

Salary: £24465.00 to £26598.00 Type: Permanent Employer: West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Nursing Assistant - Emergency Department job (opens in a new window) [47]

Emergency Department Progress Chaser

Wrexham, LL13 7TD Salary: £24433.00 to £26060.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Department Progress Chaser job (opens in <u>a new window)</u> [48]

• 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) [49]

• Trainee Emergency Department Technician

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Bedford, MK42 9DJ
Salary:
£24465.00 to £26598.00
Type:
Permanent
Employer:
Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trainee Emergency Department Technician job (opens
in a new window) [50]
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Service Manager Emergency Department

Bury St. Edmunds, IP33 2QZ Salary: £55690.00 to £62682.00 Type: Permanent Employer: West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Service Manager Emergency Department job (opens in a new window) [51]

• Event Emergency Medical Technician

Linby, NG15 8AA

Salary: £18.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Central Medical Services <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Event Emergency Medical Technician job (opens in a</u> <u>new window)</u> [52]

General Surgery Emergency Consultant

Stockport, SK2 7JE

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type: Permanent

Employer:

Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for General Surgery Emergency Consultant job (opens in a new window) [53]

• Senior Emergency Nursing Assistant

Chichester, PO19 6SE

Salary: £24973.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279) Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Emergency Nursing Assistant job (opens in a <u>new window)</u> [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

- Acute internal medicine [70]
- Intensive care medicine [71]
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- Anaesthesia [73]

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