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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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Emergency Medicine Consultant

Hereford, HR1 2ER

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Wye Valley NHS Trust

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Speciality Doctor Emergency Medicine

Basildon, SS16 5NL

Salary:

£61542.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Speciality Doctor Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [11]

Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Worcester, WR5 1DD

Salary:

£109725.00 to £145478.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

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Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Bridgend, CF31 1RQ

Salary:

£110240.00 to £160951.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

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Consultant in Emergency Medicine

London, W6 8RF

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

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o Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Oldham, OL12JH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [15]

Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine

Redhill, RH1 5RH

Salary:

£61542.00 to £99216.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

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Associate Specialist in Emergency Medicine

Guernsey, GY4 6UU

Salary:

£73596.00 to £120415.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

States of Guernsey

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Fixed Term Consultant Emergency Medicine

Lincoln, LN2 5QY

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust

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(opens in a new window) [18]

Specialist Pharmacy Technician - Emergency Medicine

Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

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job (opens in a new window) [19]

Advanced Specialist Pharmacist - Emergency Medicine

Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

Salary:

£55690.00 to £62682.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

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Medicine job (opens in a new window) [20]

Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine

Preston, PR2 9HT

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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

Teaching Fellow in Emergency Medicine

Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4LP

Salary:

£49909.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Locum Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 9DT

Salary:

£121264.00

Type:

Locum

Employer:

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

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

o Resident Doctor (ST1/2) MN35, Emergency Medicine

Watford, WD18 0HB

Salary:

£41750.00 to £54468.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Resident Doctor (ST1/2) MN35, Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [24]

Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine - CESR Rotations

Wakefield, WF14DG

Salary:

£61542.00 to £99216.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust

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Advanced Clinical Practitioner (ACP) - Community Emergency Medicine

Horncastle, LN9 6SB

Salary:

£49000.00 to £54000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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Senior Clinical Fellow in Emergency Medicine and Ultrasound

Sheffield, S5 7AU

Salary:

£65048.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Ultrasound job (opens in a new window) [27]

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

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Emergency Medicine job (opens in a new window) [28]

Emergency Practitioner

London, NW1 2BU

Salary:

£54320.00 to £60981.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Emergency Team Assistant

London, W6 8RF

Salary:

£30039.00 to £31088.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

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Matron - Emergency Department

London, W2 1NY

Salary:

£61927.00 to £68676.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

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Emergency Medical Technician

Scunthorpe, DN15 6AL

Salary:

£18.00 to £21.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Central Medical Services

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Medical Technician job (opens in a new window) [32]

Emergency Call Taker Bicester

Bicester, OX26 6HR

Salary:

£24625.00 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) [33]

Emergency Dispatch Assistant Bicester

Bicester, OX26 6HR

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

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Consultant Colorectal Emergency Surgeon

Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DU

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

<u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Colorectal Emergency Surgeon job (opens in a new window)</u>

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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) [36]

Advanced Pharmacist Emergency Department

Bridgend, CF31 1RQ

Salary:

£54550.00 to £61412.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

<u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Advanced Pharmacist Emergency Department job</u>

(opens in a new window) [37]

Clerical Officer - Emergency Department

Liverpool, L7 8YE

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

<u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clerical Officer - Emergency Department job (opens in a new window)</u>

[38]

Emergency Call Taker Hampshire

Winchester, SO21 2RU

Salary:

£24071.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

<u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Call Taker Hampshire job (opens in a new window)</u>
[39]

Emergency Practitioner (ENP/EP)

Salisbury, BH2 8BJ

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust

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Consultant Emergency General Surgeon

Orpington, BR6 8ND

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Emergency General Surgeon job (opens in a new window) [41]

Emergency Department Clinical Fellow

Basildon, SS16 5NL

Salary:

£44170.00 to £67610.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Department Clinical Fellow job (opens in a new window) [42]

Service Manager, Emergency Department

Chertsey, KT16 0PZ

Salary:

£55877.00 to £62626.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Ashford & St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Service Manager, Emergency Department job (opens in a new window) [43]

Event Emergency Medical Technician

Linby, NG15 8AA

Salary:

£18.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Central Medical Services

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Event Emergency Medical Technician job (opens in a new window) [44]

o Emergency Department Assistant, WRH

Worcester, WR5 1DD

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Department Assistant, WRH job (opens in a new window) [45]

Emergency / Advanced Care Practitioner

Ipswich, IP5 1JF

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Birches Medical Centre

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency / Advanced Care Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [46]

Consultant in Acute Medicine and General Medicine

Woolwich, SE18 4QH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Acute Medicine and General Medicine job (opens in a new window) [47]

Medicine Coordinator

Morecambe, LA3 2LE Morecambe, LA45TE

Salary:

£25028.00 to £26690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Bay Medical Group

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Advanced Practitioner Emergency Department/Paediatric

Aylesbury, HP21 8AL

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

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Department/Paediatric job (opens in a new window) [49]

Band 3 Emergency Department Assistant

Enfield, EN2 8JL

Salary:

£29176.00 to £30225.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Band 3 Emergency Department Assistant job (opens in a new window) [50]

Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist - Emergency Department

Bodelwyddan, Rhyl, LL18 5UJ

Salary:

£46840.00 to £53602.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist - Emergency

Department job (opens in a new window) [51]

Clinical Support Worker - Emergency Department

Harrogate, HG2 7SX

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clinical Support Worker - Emergency Department job (opens in a new window) [52]

Practice Paramedic /Emergency Care Practitioner

London, N14 4PR Enfield, EN13LL

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Medicus Health Partners

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Paramedic /Emergency Care Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [53]

Emergency Care Centre Administration Officer

Gateshead, NE9 6SX

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Care Centre Administration Officer 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]

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