



Emergency Medicine Trainees Association (EMTA)

The Emergency Medicine Trainees Association (EMTA), formerly known as BAETA, is the national body that represents all trainees in Emergency Medicine. Emergency Medicine is a very exciting and rewarding specialty, and strives to provide an excellent service for patients. However, the tremendous rate of change has meant that the way Emergency Medicine is practiced by today's consultants is very different from the consultants they trained with and, whether we like it or not, the way we will practice as consultants is likely to be different again. So how can we, as trainees, ensure that our future practice of Emergency Medicine reflects our hopes and aspirations for the specialty? The best way is to take the opportunity to be personally involved in creating the future of Emergency Medicine.

Members of EMTA are actively involved at both a local and national level. At the College of Emergency Medicine (CEM), trainees contribute to the work of the Board, the Training Standards Committee (formerly the JCHT), the Education and Examination Committee and the Research Committee. At the British Association for Emergency Medicine (BAEM), trainees sit on the Council, Executive Committee and the Clinical Effectiveness Committee. At a local level, trainees are active in their regional Specialist Training Committees (STCs) which are currently undergoing dynamic changes to become Schools of Emergency Medicine. These specifically work to improve the standard of Emergency Medicine practice and training at departmental level. To get involved, please contact either your local STC trainee representative or contact me directly.

Membership is open to all trainees and there is no subscription – if you're a trainee, you're already a member. However, EMTA is partially funded and enthusiastically supported by BAEM and EMTA members are, therefore, strongly encouraged to join BAEM. EMTA holds an annual conference in the autumn, covering both clinical Emergency Medicine and trainees' issues. It is the perfect opportunity to get involved if you haven't already. News is currently disseminated via the EMTA Newsletter and the Supplement to the Emergency Medicine Journal (EMJ). Members of BAEM/CEM will automatically receive the EMTA Newsletter - just make sure your e-mail address on the joint website is up-to-date and that your 'position' is listed as SHO, SpR, non-numbered Registrar or Academic Registrar.

Remember, EMTA itself cannot do anything - only its members can, working both individually and collectively. Please join in and help to build the specialty you want.

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