



Forum for Associate Specialists and Staff Grades in Emergency Medicine (FASSGEM)

The Forum for Associate Specialists and Staff Grades in Emergency Medicine (FASSGEM) is an organisation for SAS Doctors (previously referred to as Non-Consultant Career Grade Doctors)

FASSGEM is part of the British Association for Emergency Medicine. Membership is open to all SAS Doctors working within Emergency Medicine in the United Kingdom. There is no specific membership fee, however, FASSGEM members are strongly encouraged to become members of BAEM (and to promote this, there is a preferential subscription scheme for Staff Grades during their first year of BAEM membership). Members are also thereby encouraged to take up subscription to the Emergency Medicine Journal at the very competitive subscription rate offered to BAEM members.

FASSGEM seeks to represent SAS Doctors working within Emergency Medicine and it achieves this by having representation at BAEM Executive and Council level and also representation at the Faculty Committee. FASSGEM also acts as an independent lobby of opinion on SAS issues, promoting appropriate dialogue with the Department of Health, the NHS Federation and the Doctors and Dentists Pay Review Body.

The Chair of FASSGEM is elected on a four-yearly cycle by a national ballot of FASSGEM members who are also members of BAEM. FASSGEM also has a system of Regional Representatives, elected by ballots within each and every region around the country - (from this group of Regional Representatives there is an elected Executive Committee which has the responsibility for running FASSGEM).

FASSGEM organises two conferences every year - the main Annual Conference usually being held in November. This is a three-day event with academic content and also medico-political presentations. The Annual General Meeting of FASSGEM is also held at the Annual Conference. The Spring Conference is a one-day event, usually on a Friday in the middle of May. The content of the Spring Meeting is largely academic in nature with a medico-political meeting for Regional Representatives taking place after the conclusion of the academic component of the day.

FASSGEM runs its own website (www.emergencymedicine.org.uk) which contains further information on meetings as well as making available useful policy documents and other relevant papers.

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