

Emergency Medicine

An emergency medicine physician specializes in the treatment of urgent medical conditions and emergencies, often in the pre-hospital or emergency room setting. Their main role is attempting to prevent death or worsening disability in patients with severe conditions, injury, or illness. They typically work longer shifts with more off days in between. Their scope of practice includes:

- Providing quick acute care for pediatric and adult populations in the emergency department
- Make decisions quickly in high-stress environments
- Order diagnostic labs, images, and tests in order to diagnose a patient and either admit or release them from the hospital

Check out the American Medical Association's page on emergency medicine [here!](#)

Residency is 3 years, but some emergency medicine physicians further specialize in areas such as:

- Disaster Medicine
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Sports Medicine
- Critical Care
- Wilderness Medicine
- Medical Toxicology

More Information?

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