



International Federation
for Emergency Medicine



The Value of **IFEM** MEMBERSHIP

Discover the benefits of **IFEM**
Membership



Welcome to **IFEM**

The International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM) is the global voice of emergency medical care, uniting over 100,000 emergency physicians, nurses, and prehospital professionals across more than 65 countries.

We are a worldwide membership-based organisation founded on a simple belief: every person, everywhere, deserves access to high-quality emergency care.

Our purpose

IFEM brings together national and regional emergency medicine societies from every corner of the globe. From highly developed healthcare systems to those still emerging, our member organisations share a common commitment: to strengthen emergency medicine as a recognised specialty so that no patient is left without access to skilled, high-quality emergency care.



Our vision

"A world where all people, in all countries, have access to high-quality emergency medical care."



Within these societies are the professionals who make emergency care happen every day: physicians, nurses, paramedics, academics, hospital administrators, and frontline caregivers. They treat patients of all ages facing acute and critical illness or injury, often with limited resources and overwhelming pressure. Yet they persist because they believe in something bigger than themselves.

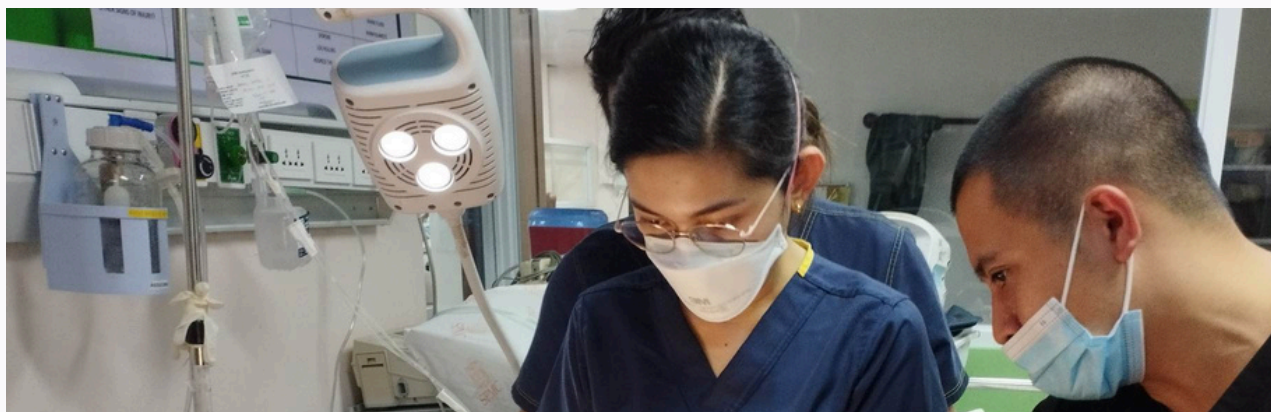
IFEM unites these emergency care professionals under a common banner.

Why **IFEM** exists

For more than 35 years, IFEM has worked to turn this vision into reality. We advocate at the highest levels with governments and international bodies like the World Health Organization. We develop global standards that shape how emergency care is delivered on the ground. We create pathways for education, training, and leadership that support healthcare systems to deliver for their patients.

But none of this happens without our members.

Every guideline we publish, every position statement we issue, every humanitarian initiative we launch is driven by the dedication of our member organisations' own members, who volunteer their time to participate in IFEM's global initiatives.



Why join **IFEM**

Joining IFEM gives your society, and your members, opportunities to:

01

Advocate for emergency care at national and international levels

02

Shape global standards, best practices, and clinical guidelines

03

Connect with a network of 100,000+ EM professionals worldwide

04

Lead through Special Interest Groups, Committees, and Board positions

05

Contribute to humanitarian efforts and WHO partnerships

06

Grow through education, research, and leadership development

Whether your country has established emergency medicine systems or is just beginning to build them, there is a place for you in IFEM.



Our collective impact

A unified global voice

IFEM serves as the unified advocate for emergency medicine at international level. We speak with one voice to governments, health ministries, and global health bodies to ensure emergency care is recognised, funded, and integrated into national health systems.

Through position statements, official correspondence, and strategic partnerships, including with the World Health Organization, we champion policies that protect patients, support healthcare workers, and strengthen emergency care infrastructure worldwide.

When your organisation joins IFEM, you gain access to this collective advocacy power. Your local challenges become part of a global conversation. Your voice amplifies alongside 65+ member societies working toward the same goal.



A network that transforms care

With over 100,000 emergency medicine professionals connected across our federation, IFEM creates opportunities for collaboration that would otherwise be impossible.

Members benefit from:

- Knowledge sharing across borders and health systems
- Innovation exchange: adapting proven solutions from other countries to local contexts
- Solidarity that strengthens each nation's emergency care movement
- Peer support during crises, disasters, and system-building efforts

IFEM provides a living community where emergency physicians, nurses, and prehospital providers learn from each other, and together push the specialty forward.



Setting global standards

IFEM leads the development of international emergency medicine standards, guidelines, and best practices that shape how care is delivered in emergency care settings across six continents.

Member organisations have direct pathways to contribute to this work:

How you can contribute	What it means
Special Interest Groups (SIGs)	Participate in working groups focused on 14 sub-specialties or areas of interest, including paediatric emergency care, prehospital medicine, trauma, disaster medicine, and more
Committees and Task Forces	Participate in developing practical guidance on critical topics affecting emergency care globally
Council and Board Positions	Run for international leadership roles where you help steer IFEM's strategic direction
Standards Working Groups	Help author and review minimum and ideal standards used by health systems worldwide

By participating, your organisation ensures its perspective shapes the future of emergency medicine internationally.



IFEM membership opportunities

IFEM offers three membership levels designed to accommodate emergency medicine organisations at different stages of development:

Membership level	Who qualifies
Full Member	National EM organisation in a country where emergency medicine is officially recognised as a medical specialty with at least one accredited training programme
Affiliate Member	National EM organisation in a country where EM is not yet officially recognised, or training programmes don't yet exist, or an organisation involved in EM but not exclusively composed of EM physicians
Ex-Officio Member	Multinational emergency medicine organisations



Regardless of membership level, every IFEM member organisation enjoys:

01

Access for your members to participate in IFEM's SIGs, Committees and Task Forces

02

Identification of your organisation as an IFEM Member

03

Listing of your organisation's website on IFEM's website

04

Free inclusion of your events on the IFEM events calendar

05

Eligibility to nominate for IFEM awards

06

Free access to apply for IFEM event endorsement

07

Free access to advertising positions through IFEM's network

08

Access to IFEM resource library, position statements, and newsletters

09

The opportunity to collaborate on IFEM's global initiatives

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Participation in IFEM's global community of 67 (and growing!) member societies



In addition, the following unique benefits apply:

Full Members

- Appoint one voting representative in the Assembly to steer IFEM's strategy and future direction
- Can run for positions on the IFEM Board and Council
- May apply to host the IFEM Global Congress on Emergency Medicine
- Receive complimentary full registration for Assembly Representative at the IFEM Global Congress

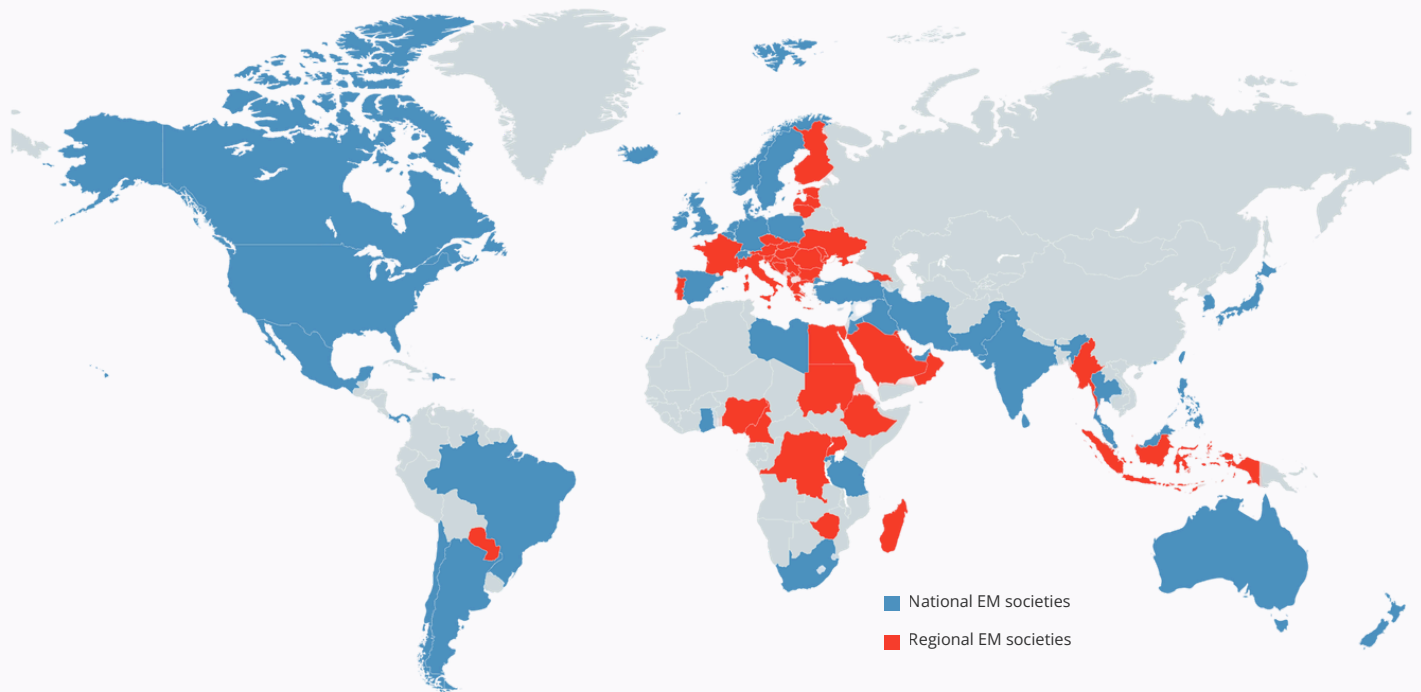
Affiliate Members

- Appoint one non-voting representative in the Assembly
- May apply to host the IFEM Global Congress on Emergency Medicine

Ex-Officio Members

- Appoint one non-voting representative in the Assembly

Membership fees are based on two components: a base fee (Part A) and a per-capita fee (Part B) based on the size of the member organisation. Membership fees are indexed to an organisation's World Bank income classification. Ex Officio members are subject to a Part A fee only.



Our members

- African Federation for Emergency Medicine
- American Academy of Emergency Medicine
- American College of Emergency Physicians
- American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians
- Asian Society for Emergency Medicine
- Asociación Panameña de Medicina de Emergencias
- Associação brasileira de Medicina de Emergência
- Australasian College for Emergency Medicine
- Belgian Society of Emergency and Disaster Medicine
- Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians
- College of Emergency Physicians, Academy of Medicine Malaysia
- Danish Society for Emergency Medicine

Our members

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- Dutch Society of Emergency Physicians
- Emergency Medicine Association of Tanzania
- Emergency Medicine Association of Türkiye
- Emergency Medicine Society of Ghana
- Emergency Medicine Society of South Africa
- Emirates Society of Emergency Medicine
- European Council of Disaster Medicine
- European Society for Emergency Medicine
- Georgian Emergency Medicine Physicians Association
- German Association for Emergency Medicine DGINA
- Gulf Federation of Emergency Medicine
- Global Network on Emergency Medicine
- Hellenic Society for Emergency Medicine
- Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine
- Icelandic Society for Emergency Medicine
- Iranian Society of Emergency Medicine
- Iraqi Society for Emergency Medicine
- Irish Association for Emergency Medicine
- Japanese Association for Acute Medicine
- Jordanian Emergency Medicine Society
- Korean Society of Emergency Medicine
- Latinamerican Federation of Emergency Medicine
- Lebanese Society of Emergency Medicine
- Libyan Emergency Medicine Association
- Nepalese Society of Emergency Physicians
- Norwegian College of Emergency Medicine
- Norwegian Society for Emergency Medicine
- Pakistan Society of Emergency Medicine

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- Pan American Collaborative Emergency Medicine Development Program
- Philippine College of Emergency Medicine
- Polish Society for Emergency Medicine
- Royal College of Emergency Medicine
- Rwanda Emergency Care Association
- Sociedad Argentina de Emergencias
- Sociedad Chilena de Medicina de Urgencias
- Sociedad Dominicana de Emergenciología
- Sociedad Mexicana de Medicina de Emergencia
- Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
- Society for Emergency Medicine, India
- Society of Emergency Medicine Singapore
- Spanish Society of Emergency Medicine
- Sri Lanka College of Emergency Physicians
- Swedish Society for Emergency Medicine
- Swiss Society of Emergency and Rescue Medicine
- Taiwan Society of Emergency Medicine
- Thai College of Emergency Physicians



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Interested in learning more?

We'd love to hear from you. Whether you're ready to apply or simply exploring whether IFEM membership is right for your organisation, we're here to help.

Don't hesitate to reach out with questions about eligibility, fees, or how to make the most of your membership. Our team is happy to guide you through every step.

We hope to hear from you soon and look forward to welcoming you into the global emergency care community.

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