

# IFEM: *Emergency Ultrasound Special Interest Group*

## Terms of Reference

1. The title of the sub-committee is the Emergency Ultrasound Sub-Committee (EUSC) of the Clinical Practice Committee (CPC) of the International Federation of Emergency Medicine (IFEM).
2. Membership of the committee will be as follows:
  - a. The Chair will be appointed by CPC. Term of office will be 3 years.
  - b. Other members of the sub-committee will be proposed by the EUS and CPC Chairs to the IFEM Board, representing the international membership of IFEM. Members will be chosen on the base of their clinical/scientific position and seniority combined with their proven ability to advance practice in this area. Ordinary members will serve for three years in the first instance but this may be extended if agreed by the Board.
3. The EUSC will advise the CPC on matters relating to the development, practice, teaching and education of point-of-care emergency ultrasound. EUSC will also be expected to liaise with other international bodies with regards to common practice areas and also to promote unification. Key areas of focus will include:
  - a. Promoting the best evidence-based practice for all.
  - b. Establishing international recognition of point-of-care emergency ultrasound competency.
  - c. Promoting access to quality education for all.
  - d. Advancing research in point-of-care emergency ultrasound.
  - e. Support for local development and practice regardless of location.
  - f. Development of an international consensus curriculum for emergency ultrasound.
4. Responsibility for particular areas of point-of-care emergency ultrasound practice and development may be designated to EUSC members, including liaison with other committees/subgroups of IFEM and their member organisations. Additional members may be co-opted, on an ad hoc basis, regarding specific matters of expertise at EUSC's discretion.
5. EUSC will normally meet 3 times a year. In order to allow flexibility and reduce travel costs, the subgroup may communicate via telephone or video conferencing arrangements. Extraordinary meetings will be arranged ad hoc, as necessary.
6. EUSC will report to the CPC Chair, via the EUSC Chair, who if unable to attend, will delegate this responsibility to another member of the committee.

## 7. LIMITATIONS

### 7.1 Representation of IFEM

The IFEM President is the official spokesperson for IFEM on all matters including the areas of special interest. No member of the SIG, to include, the Chair, may speak on behalf of IFEM in any way, by any method of communication, without the authorization of the IFEM President.

### 7.2 Resources

Unless otherwise informed by the Executive in advance, the SIG shall not be authorized access to support from the Secretariat or the ability to commit or expend IFEM funds.

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