

Editorial

Focus on Emergency 2013

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2013 has just began and European Review for Medical and Pharmacological Sciences wants again to give prominence to the topic of Emergency Medicine (EM) by creating a special number. Indeed, EM is one of the most expanding area in the field of medicine across Europe. The key points useful to better define a good emergency medicine doctor seems apparently to be in contrast each other: autonomy and multidisciplinary approach. Indeed, in many cases specialists in EM should be able to act across very different medical specialties in total autonomy but sometimes they have to cooperate with other colleagues; timing of this operation mainly depends on individual experience. Naturally, the fact that doctors are demanded to make rush decisions makes this specialty difficult and fascinating at the same time.

Based on the multitasking characteristics typical of EM doctors, we have selected manuscripts covering different areas of medicine, from psychiatrics to cardiology. We hope that you will find this Focus on Emergencies useful for your daily clinical practice.