

Appendix 1

Survey questions

1. Residency year
2. University
3. Was EM program your first choice?
4. How long (months) does the rotation in EM/ED/Internal medicine/ICU - anesthesiology/pre-hospital/cardiology/pediatrics/obstetrics/elective period last?
5. How do you rate (from 1 to 5) the the rotation in EM/ED/Internal medicine/ICU - anesthesiology/pre-hospital/cardiology/pediatrics/obstetrics/elective period?
6. Are you allowed to be involved in exchange programs period with other Italian hospitals or abroad?
7. Are frontal formal lessons held more than once a month?
8. Are the lectures discussion about EM topics?
9. Are journal club performed?
10. Could you participate to simulations?
11. Are certifications, such as ACLS, ATLS, and PALS, granted by your university?
12. How do you rate (from 1 to 5) your skills in medical emergencies, surgical emergencies, resuscitation, clinical ultrasounds, non-invasive ventilation, trauma, pediatrics, specialist emergencies and obstetric emergencies?
13. Only for EM residents attending the last two years of the training program: are you independent in peri-procedural sedations, central lines placements, electric cardioversion, airway management, endotracheal intubation, chest drainage placement, bone plaster and delivery?
14. Will you start a new residency program after the EM specialty?
15. If yes, which speciality training would you start with: anesthesiology, cardiology, general practice, or internal medicine?
16. What is the area you wish to work after your training: a combination of EM department and/or pre-hospital care, or emergency room, or EM ward and critical care units?