

[1] Roles of psychiatrists in emergency medical services

Emergency medicine and psychiatry are strongly related areas. For example, the involvement of psychiatrists is important in the treatment of serious injuries and illnesses that are strongly associated with mental disorders, such as suicide attempts. In addition, it has been observed that some patients with mental disorders do not receive appropriate treatment for their physical illnesses, and that some patients with mental disorders present to the emergency medical service with physical complaints before receiving psychiatric care.

On the other hand, it is also known that emergency medical services and psychiatric services are not always connected well each other, and that this gap may lead to inadequate responses to mental health needs in emergency medical services. In response to the following questions, describe the situation as it is currently or has been experienced before in your country or region. Relevant studies, if any, should be presented.

Applicants are required to submit an abstract responding to the following questions.

In your country/region,

Q1. Describe what kind of psychiatry-related issues exist in emergency medical services.

Q2. Describe the role that psychiatrists play and are also expected to play in resolving the issues presented for Q1.

Q3. Describe the barriers in promoting the role of psychiatrists in emergency medical services and the initiatives and policies that may be effective in promoting the role of psychiatrists.