

TAGME ACRONYMS

ACRONYM	NAME	DEFINITION
AACOM	American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine	This organization provides support and assistance to osteopathic medical schools and serves as a unifying voice for osteopathic medical education
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This association represents all accredited U.S. and Canadian medical schools; 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, including the Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; and nearly 90 academic and scientific societies, supporting the entire spectrum of education, research, and patient care activities. • This organization publishes “Academic Medicine.”
ABMS	American Board of Medical Specialties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This not-for-profit organization oversees the certification of physician specialists in the United States • This organization’s members collaborate with other professional organizations and agencies to elevate the standards of graduate medical school education. • Organization that assists 24 approved medical specialty boards in the development and use of standards in the ongoing evaluation and certification of physicians.
ACA	Affordable Care Act	Health plans must provide coverage to children up to age 26 by allowing children to stay on a parent's plan.
ACCME	Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This organization’s mission includes identifying, developing, and promoting standards for quality medical education by physicians to maintain competence. • To apply for Category I credit for an educational activity, follow the guidelines of this organization.
ACGME	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education	Developing standards for residency training and ensuring compliance with the standards are the purview of this organization
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support	This certification is required for healthcare professionals who either direct/participate in the management of cardiopulmonary arrest and other cardiovascular emergencies
ADS	Accreditation Data System	This web-based system contains critical accreditation data for all sponsoring institutions and programs.

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ADS	Accreditation Data System	Components include information about the program director, faculty, residents, sites, and site visits
AHA	American Hospital Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A national organization that represents all types of hospitals, health care networks and communities • This organization works with its members and other organizations to influence federal legislation to improve the ability of its members to deliver quality care.
AHME	Association of Hospital Medical Education	Organization involved in hospital-based education to promote improvement in medical education: undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education
AMA	American Medical Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This organization's mission is to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health. • This organization's stated strategic focus includes accelerating change in medical education.
AMA-CME	American Medical Association – Council on Medical Education	Recommends the appointments of representatives to medical education organizations, accrediting bodies, and certification boards
AMSA	American Medical Student Association	National organization committed to representing the concerns of physicians-in-training
AOA	American Osteopathic Association	Agency that accredits all osteopathic medical schools and has federal authority to accredit hospitals and other health care facilities
AOA	Alpha Omega Alpha	The professional medical organization that recognizes and advocates for excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine
APE	Annual Program Evaluation	A formal, systematic evaluation of the training program that contains action plans that are monitored and measurable leading to improvement of the program
ATLS	Advanced Trauma Life Support	A concise approach to assessing and managing multiply injured patients
BLS	Basic Life Support	This course is designed for healthcare professionals who need to know how to perform CPR and other basic cardiovascular life support skills in a wide variety of in- and out- of hospital settings.
CAMS	Committee on Accreditation of Medical Schools (Canada)	This organization ensures that Canadian medical schools demonstrate compliance to receive accreditation

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CBE	Competency-Based Education	Outcome based instruction which focuses on the student's ability to apply basic and other skills in situations that are commonly encountered
CCC	Clinical Competency Committee	Appointed by the program director, this committee's responsibilities include reviewing all resident evaluations semi-annually, preparing and assuring reporting of Milestone evaluations of each resident semi-annually, and advising the program director about resident progress.
CK	Clinical Knowledge	A portion of the licensing exam that assesses the ability to apply medical knowledge, skills, and understanding of clinical science essential for the provision of patient care under supervision
CLER	Clinical Learning Environment Review	Assessment of the institutional learning environment and the integration of residents into patient safety and quality improvement programs of the sponsor
CME	Continuing Medical Education	Ongoing educational activities after the completion of residency
CMS	Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services	This federal agency is responsible for oversight of HIPAA administration, health identifiers, and security standards
CMSS	Council of Medical Specialty Societies	The main purpose of this organization is to provide a forum for collaboration to influence policy, medical education and accreditation from a broad, cross-specialty perspective
COGME	Council on Graduate Medical Education	A federal agency that provides ongoing assessment of physician workforce trends, training issues and financing policies
COMLEX	Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The primary pathway to licensure for osteopathic physicians seeking to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery. • Assesses medical knowledge and clinical skills considered essential for osteopathic physicians to practice medicine without supervision.
COTH	Council on Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems	This organization serves as the principal source of hospital and health system input into overall AAMC policy and direction.
CRC or CRCC	Council of Review Committee Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consists of all current chairs of review committees and two ACGME directors. • This group's purpose includes monitoring innovations in graduate medical education, sharing notable practices, applying quality parameters, standardizing processes and procedures.

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CRCR	Council of Review Committee Residents	An advisory body concerning resident matters, GME, and accreditation
CS	Clinical Skills	Using standardized patients, this provides an assessment of the ability of examinees to apply medical knowledge, skills, and understanding of clinical science essential for the provision of patient care under supervision
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration	The federal agency that enforces laws and regulations related to controlled substances
DFA	Department of Field Activities	Responsible for scheduling and conducting accreditation site visits
DIO	Designated Institutional Official	The individual in a sponsoring institution with the authority and responsibility for all of the ACGME-accredited GME programs
ECFMG	Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates	Responsible for assessing the readiness of graduates of international medical schools to enter residency or fellowship programs accredited by the ACGME
ECHO	ECFMG Certificate Holders Office	Provides support and service to ECFMG-certified physicians as they plan their medical careers
EPIC	Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials	A web-based repository of international physicians' primary-source verified medical credentials
EMR	Electronic Medical Record	A computerized medical record created in an organization that delivers care, such as a hospital or physician's office
ERAS	Electronic Residency Application Service	The service that transmits the application and supporting documentation from applicants and their Designated Dean's Office to program directors
FCVS	Federation Credentials Verification Service	The agency provides a permanent, lifetime repository of primary-source verified core credentials for physicians and physician assistants.
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	Protects the privacy of student education records at schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education
FREIDA	Fellowship and Residency Electronic Interactive Database Access	Database containing over 9,000 ACGME accredited graduate medical education programs and more than 100 combined specialty programs
FSMB	Federation of State Medical Boards	Organization representing the 70 medical and osteopathic boards of the United States and its territories, promotes excellence in medical practice, licensure, and regulation, to protect the public.

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GME	Graduate Medical Education	The period of didactic and clinical education in a medical specialty which prepares physicians for independent practice following completion of undergraduate medical education
GMEC	Graduated Medical Education Committee	This group is required to establish and implement policies and procedures regarding the quality of education and the work environment for all residents in the institution
HHS	US Department of Health & Human Services	The principal federal agency that protects the health of all Americans and provides essential human services, especially for those unable to help themselves
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act	Provides for the protection of health insurance coverage for workers and their families when they change or lose their jobs
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration	The primary federal agency for improving access to health care services for uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable people
IHI	Institute for Healthcare Improvement	This organization provides training in quality improvement, patient safety, teamwork, leadership, and patient-centered care
IMG	International Medical Graduate	A physician who has graduated from a medical school outside of the United States
IRB	Institutional Review Board	The committee formally designated to approve, monitor, and review biomedical and behavioral research involving humans
IRC	Institutional Review Committee	This group sets accreditation standards for institutions, provides peer evaluation to assess compliance with the published educational standards, and confers an accreditation status
IRD	Institutional Review Document	Document prepared by a DIO in advance of a site visit
IRIS	Interns & Residents Information System	The computer system used by CMS to handle reimbursement requests from provider hospitals for the costs associated with training residents and fellows
ITE	In-training Exam	Formative examination that evaluates a resident's progress in meeting the educational objectives
JGME	Journal of Graduate Medical Education	Periodical published to promote critical inquiry among the graduate medical education community
JC	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations	The organization responsible for accrediting and certifying healthcare organizations in the United States

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LCME	Liaison Committee on Medical Education	Sponsored by the AMA and AAMC, this body is recognized as the accrediting authority for medical education programs leading to the MD degree in the United States and Canada
LON	Letter of Notification	The official communication from a review committee that states the action taken following a site visit or other request
MSPE	Medical Student Performance Evaluation	A summary of academic progress during medical school
NAS	Next Accreditation System	Outcomes-based evaluation system requiring residency programs to demonstrate that residents have the core competencies and clinical skills to deliver quality patient care and respond to developments in health care delivery
NBME	National Board of Medical Examiners	This independent, not-for-profit organization serves the public through its high- quality assessments of healthcare professionals
NBOME	National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners	This mission of this organization is to protect the public by providing the means to assess competencies for osteopathic medicine and related health care professions.
NRMP	National Residency Matching Program	This is a private, not-for-profit corporation that provides a uniform date of appointment to positions in graduate medical education in the U.S.
OSCE	Observed Standard Clinical Examination	A method of testing clinical skill performance and competence using standardized patients
PCPI	Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement	This national, physician-led program is dedicated to enhancing quality and patient safety by aligning patient-centered care, performance measurement and quality improvement.
PD	Program Director	The physician designated with the authority and accountability for the operation of the residency/fellowship program
PDSA	Plan Do Study Act	A four part method for discovering and correcting assignable causes to improve the quality of processes and action-oriented learning
PDWR	Program Director's Web Review	This provides programs with remote access to review ERAS application supporting documents remotely via the Internet
PDWS	Program Director's Workstation	The software used by participating residency programs to receive, sort, review, evaluate, and rank applications

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PEC	Program Evaluation Committee	Appointed by the program director, this committee's responsibilities include: planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating educational activities; reviewing and making recommendations for revision of competency-based curriculum goals and objectives; and addressing areas of non-compliance with ACGME standards.
PGY	Post Graduate Year	A resident's current year of accredited GME
PIF	Program Information Form	The document is a compilation of requested information prepared by the program director in advance of a site visit.
PLA	Program Letter of Agreement	A written document that addresses GME responsibilities between an individual accredited program and a site other than the sponsoring institution at which residents receive a required part of their education
(R)RC	(Residency) Review Committee	This group sets accreditation standards for specialty training programs, providing peer evaluation to assess compliance with the published educational standards, and conferring an accreditation status
SSV	Specialist Site Visitor	A physician representative of the ACGME who conducts an on-site review of a residency training program in his/her own area of specialty training
SV	Site Visitor	A representative of the ACGME who conducts an on-site review of a residency training program
THCGME	Teaching Health Center of Graduate Medical Education	This program aims to increase the number of primary care residents and dentists trained in community-based ambulatory patient care settings
TYRC	Transitional Year Review Committee	This group sets accreditation standards for transitional year training programs, providing peer evaluation to assess compliance with the published educational standards, and conferring an accreditation status
USMLE	United States Medical Licensing Exam	A three-step examination for medical licensure in the US sponsored by the FSMB and NBME
VAMC	Veteran's Administration Medical Center	The largest integrated health care system in the US

Emergency Medicine Association of Residency Coordinators

Global Acronyms

ACRONYM	Full Name	URL	Function
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges	www.aamc.org	Improvement on the nation's health through strengthening the quality of medical education and training, to enhance the search for biomedical knowledge, to advance research in health sciences and to integrate education into the provision of effective health care.
ABMS	American Board of Medical Specialties	www.abms.org	Organization of 24 approved medical specialty boards. Coordinates the activities of its member boards and provides information to others concerning issues about specialization and certification of medical specialists
ACGME	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education	www.acgme.org	National accrediting organization for residency programs. Responsible for the accreditation of post MD medical training programs, through a peer review process and based upon established standards and guidelines.
AHA	American Hospital Association	www.aha.org	Association that represents the medical education related interests of its institutional member by representation on the ACGME and the ACCCME. AHA also holds representation on the ECFMG, NRMP, and NBME. AHA participates as an associate member of the ABMS and maintains close ties with other medical organizations such as the AAMC and AMA. The AHA annually publishes the most complete national reference book for institutional information and hospital statistics: <i>The AHA Guide to the Health Care Field and Hospital Statistics</i> .

AHME	Association for Hospital Medical Education	www.ahme.org	National, non profit organization for professionals involved in all aspects of medical education.
AMA	American Medical Association	www.ama-assn.org	National organization that promotes professionalism in medicine and setting standards for medical practices and ethics.
AOA	Alpha Omega Alpha	www.alphaomegaalpha.org	National medical honor society
CMS	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services	www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/default.asp	Federal agency responsible for administering the Medicare, Medicaid ,SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance), HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.), CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments), and several other health-related programs.
COMLEX	Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination	www.nbome.org/	In order to more accurately measure the knowledge required by today's physicians, the NBOME initiated the three-level Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMPLEX-USA) to replace the former three-part NBOME examination series. The COMPLEX is a three part exam. Each exam is administered over a two day period, and employs an osteopathic primary care approach to patient care fully integrated throughout the examination.
CSE or Step 2 CS	Clinical Skills Examination, Part of USMLE Step 2	www.usmle.org	Replaces CSA (Clinical Skills Assessment) effective June 14, 2005. Used to assess clinical skills and communication skills essential to diagnosing and treating patients, and communication with other health care professionals. Students from US and Canadian medical schools as well as international graduates will take the CSE.

DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration	www.usdoj.gov/dea	Governmental agency responsible for providing licensure/certification to physicians for dispensing all controlled substances.
DIO	Designated Institutional Official	www.acgme.org	Individual who has the authority and responsibility for the oversight and administration of the GME programs.
ECFMG	Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates	www.ecfmg.org	Assesses the readiness of the international medical graduates to enter residency or fellowship programs in the US that are accredited by the ACGME.
ERAS	Electronic Residency Application Service	www.aamc.org/eras	On line application service used by medical graduates or medical students in their final year of medical school to apply for specialize graduate training in residency programs in the US.
FCVS	Federation Credentials Verification Service	www.fsmb.org/fcvs/html	Collects, verifies and maintains information and copies of documents and records that can be provided to professional licensing boards, hospitals and other entities when applying for licensure, staff membership, employment or other privileges.
FREIDA or AMA FREIDA	Fellowship and Residency Electronic Interactive Database	www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/2997.html	Database with over 7,800 graduate medical education programs accredited by the ACGME, containing information about residency and fellowship training programs, affiliated teaching institutions, training statistics and graduates career plans statistics.
FSMB	Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States (The Federation)	http://www.fsmb.org	Is a corporation that collects and publishes the most complete data available on physician licensing and disciplinary boards, including their licensing requirements and disciplinary functions. They also take responsibility for assisting state medical boards in the regulation of medical practice and in their role of public protection.
GME	Graduate Medical Education		Specialized training for physicians after medical school.

GMED	Graduate Medical Education Directory	http://www.ama-assn.org/ Can be purchased from the AMA website, under the "Bookstore" link, or major booksellers such as Amazon or Barnes and Noble.	Director of graduate medical education programs. Published by the AMA. (The "Green Book.")
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1966	http://www.hipaa.org/	Protects health insurance coverage for workers and their families when they change or lose their jobs. Established national standards for electronic health care transactions and addresses the security and private of health data.
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JCAHO)	http://www.jcaho.org	A hospital accreditation agency. JCAHO accreditation is recognized nationwide as a symbol of the quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting certain performance standards. To earn and maintain accreditation, an organization must undergo an on-site survey by a JCAHO survey team at least every three years. Laboratories must be surveyed every two years.
Joint Commission	The Joint Commission	http://www.jointcommission.org/	Independent non for profit organization that evaluates the quality and safety of care for more than 16,000 health care organizations. Evaluates the organization's performance in areas that affect care. On-site visits are done at least once every three years. Sets the standards by which health care quality is measured.
LCME	Liaison Committee on Medical Education	http://www.lcme.org/	Nationally recognized authority for medical education programs leading to the M.D. degree in US and Canadian medical schools.
NBME	National Board of Medical Examiners	http://www.nbme.org	Independent, not-for-profit organization that provides high quality examinations for the health professions-accepted by medical licensing authorities as the standard to judge candidates for medical licensure.

NBOME	National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners	http://www.nbome.org	The NBOME is the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners. It's a nonprofit corporation dedicated to serving the public and state licensing agencies by administering examinations testing the knowledge of osteopathic medical students and interns. The NBOME was established in July 1934. Its website is at.
NRMP	National Resident Matching Program	http://www.nrmp.org/	Private, non-for-profit corporation established to provide a uniform date of appointment to positions in graduate medical education in the US. All US medical school graduates must register through NRMP for post graduate training.
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	http://www.osha.gov/	Governmental agency with mission to save lives, prevent injuries and protect the health of America's workers, by establishing protective standards, enforcing standards and providing technical assistance and consultations to employers and employees.
RRC	Residency Review Committee	http://www.acgme.org	Under the policies and procedures of the ACGME, the RRC reviews residency programs to determine whether they are in substantial compliance with the Essentials of Accredited Residencies.
TAGME	Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education	http://www.tagme.org	To assure a comprehensive level of services, training, knowledge and leadership through certification for the administration of graduate medical education programs for physicians-in-training.
USMLE	United States Medical Licensing Examination	http://www.usmle.org	Three step examination that assesses a physician's ability to apply knowledge, concepts and principles that are important in health and disease, and constitutes the basis of safe and effective patient care. Used by medical licensing authorities in the US for granting initial license to practice medicine.

Emergency Medicine Association of Residency Coordinators

Specialty Specific Acronyms

ACRONYM	Full Name	Contact and URL	Function
AAEM	American Academy of Emergency Medicine	555 East Wells Street, Suite 1100 Milwaukee, WI 53202-3823 Telephone: (800) 884-2236 Facsimile: (414) 276-3349 http://www.aaem.org	Professional organization for emergency physicians and residents with elected leadership. AAEM is constituted and formed for the purposes of conducting research, providing professional and public education, restraining the cost, improving the quality and promoting the integrity of the practice and management of Emergency Medicine. AAEM publishes the <i>Journal of Emergency Medicine</i> .
AAEM/RSA	American Academy of Emergency Medicine/ Resident and Student Organization	555 East Wells Street, Suite 1000 Milwaukee, WI 53202-3823 Telephone: (800) 884-2236 Facsimile: (414) 276-3349 http://www.aaemrsa.org	AAEM/RSA is the resident and student section of AAEM which became an independent organization in 2005. AAEM/RSA has elected leadership.
ABEM	American Board of Emergency Medicine	3000 Coolidge Road East Lansing, MI 48823-6319 Telephone: (517) 332-4800 Facsimile: (517) 332-2234 http://www.abem.org	The American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) is a medical specialty certification board recognized by the ABMS. ABEM certifies emergency physicians who meet its educational, professional standing, and examination standards. ABEM certification is sought and earned by emergency physicians on a voluntary basis. ABEM is a not for profit organization. ABEM is <u>not</u> a membership organization. Directors must ACGME approved EM residency trained physicians who have been ABEM diplomats for 10 years.
ACEP	American College of Emergency Physicians	1125 Executive Circle Irving, TX 75038-2522 Telephone: (800) 798-1822 Facsimile: (972) 580-2816 http://www.acep.org	ACEP is a national professional organization for emergency medicine and residents with elected leadership. ACEP exists to support quality emergency medical care and to promote the interests of emergency physicians. ACEP is the oldest and largest representative organization for emergency physicians. ACEP publishes the <i>Annals of Emergency Medicine</i> .

ACOEP	American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians	142 E. Ontario Street, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60611 Telephone: (800) 521-3709 Facsimile: (312) 587-9951 http://www.acoep.org	ACOEP is a national professional organization for emergency medicine with elected leadership. The ACOEP is composed of osteopathic physicians, residents, interns and medical students devoted to the education and development of emergency medicine within the osteopathic profession. ACOEP has worked to establish and accredit training programs in emergency medicine. Acting as part of the AOA Council on Postdoctoral Training, the ACOEP currently accredits programs in emergency medicine, a fellowship in emergency medical services, and jointly accredits programs in emergency medicine/family practice, emergency medicine/pediatrics and emergency medicine/internal medicine
AEP	Association of Emergency Physicians	911 Whitewater Dr. Mars, PA 16046-4221 Telephone: 1-866-772-1818 (toll free) Facsimile: 1-866-422-7794 http://www.aep.org	AEP is a national professional organization with elected leadership. AEP is an association for all practicing emergency physicians, regardless of residency training and/or board certification status. AEP exists to represent "in the trenches" emergency physicians, those who primarily practice clinical emergency medicine.
AOBEM	American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine	142 E. Ontario Street Chicago, IL 60611 Telephone: (312) 335-1065 phone Facsimile: (312) 335-5489 fax http://www.aobem.org	AOBEM tests and certifies D.O.s who completed accredited residency training programs in osteopathic emergency medicine. AOBEM is a not-for-profit organization. AOBEM is not a membership organization
CORD	Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors	244 Kent St. Portland, MI 48875 Phone: (517) 647-6400 Fax: (517) 647-6540 http://www.cordem.org	The Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors (CORD) is a scientific and educational organization. The purposes of CORD are to improve the quality of emergency medical care, to establish and maintain high standards of excellence in emergency medicine training programs, to enhance the quality of instruction in emergency medicine training programs and to improve the communications between the faculty of emergency medicine training programs. All residency training programs in Emergency Medicine who are accredited by the RC-EM are eligible for full membership. All residency training programs in Emergency Medicine

			<p>who are not accredited by the RC-EM are eligible for associate membership. Associate membership is also available for programs actively developing new residency training programs. CORD provides tools to enhance residency education in emergency medicine such as On-Line testing, ECG Bank, Oral Board Bank, etc. and maintains the Share Point Website. CORD also provides the standard letter of recommendation (SLOR) which is only completed by Emergency Medicine Faculty. In addition CORD also administers the listserv for Program Directors, Program Coordinators and Chief Residents.</p>
EMRA	Emergency Medicine Residents' Association	<p>1125 Executive Circle Irving, TX 75038-2522 Telephone: (972) 550-0920 Facsimile: (972) 580-2816 http://www.emra.org</p>	<p>EMRA is the largest and oldest national professional organization dedicated to emergency medicine residents with elected leadership. EMRA provides the EMRAMatch Guide (www.emramatch.org), a residency program database completed by residents, for medical students. Publishes the <i>EM Resident</i>, a newsletter that features job placement information and articles on issues affecting emergency medicine residents and students</p>
EMARC	Emergency Medicine Association of Residency Coordinators	<p>http://www.em-arc.org</p>	<p>EMARC is a residency coordinator professional organization dedicated to promoting and enhancing graduate medical education in the specialty of emergency medicine by providing a foundation as an educational resource, to foster the exchange of knowledge, skills and information for its members.</p>
SAEM	Society for Academic Emergency Medicine	<p>2340 South River Road, Suite 200 Des Plaines, IL 60018 Telephone: 847-813-9823 Facsimile: (847) 813-5450 http://www.saem.org</p>	<p>SAEM is a national organization with elected leadership that provides support for academic medicine. SAEM's mission is to improve patient care by advancing research and education in emergency medicine. SAEM publishes <i>Academic Emergency Medicine</i>.</p>