

Department of Emergency Medicine

Emergency medicine (EM) is the only medical specialty that manages all patients in need of acute care at any time, regardless of their severity of illness/injury, their age, or their ability to pay, 24/7/365. Emergency medical care at Washington University is divided between the Department of Emergency Medicine and the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, which is housed under the Department of Pediatrics. During Phase 1, all students rotate through the emergency departments (EDs) as a part of their Clinical Immersions course, either at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and our community EDs or in the St. Louis Children's Hospital ED. During Phase 2, all students experience pediatric EM during their rotation in the St. Louis Children's Hospital ED as a part of their pediatric clerkship, managed through the Department of Pediatrics. During Phase 3, students can select a month-long EM elective through the Department of Emergency Medicine to further explore the specialty, and they may also select an advanced clinical rotation in general EM, which primarily focuses on adult EM. They can also select shorter or more flexible electives in the many subspecialties of EM, including emergency medical services (i.e., prehospital medicine), medical toxicology, and ultrasound. Our Toxicology Division also coordinates a keystone integrated science course on addiction medicine.

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