

## WHO ARE WE?

### UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES - EUROPEAN UNION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

The "European Union of Medical Specialists" (UEMS) is an international non profit-making association constituted in 1958 and regulated by the Belgian Law of 27<sup>th</sup> June 1921.

It represents all medical specialists in Europe operating through a Council, an Executive, a Board, Specialist Sections & Boards. Its work is underpinned by Standing Committees on Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development, on Postgraduate Training, Quality Management in Specialist Practice, as well as ad hoc Working Groups.



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### Our objectives

- ◆ The study, promotion and harmonisation of the highest level of training of the medical specialists, medical practice and health care within the European Union;
- ◆ The study and promotion of free movement of specialist medical doctors within the EU;
- ◆ The representation, within this framework, of the medical specialist profession in the Member States of the EU, to EU authorities and any other authority and/or organisation dealing with questions directly or indirectly concerning the medical profession, and any action which might further the achievement of the aforementioned objectives.
- ◆ The defence of the professional interests of European Medical Specialists.

### Our achievements

- ◆ Accreditation of international **Live educational events** : ≈ 2000 /year
- ◆ Accreditation of ≈ 100 **E-learning** materials yearly
- ◆ **Recognition of CME-CPD activities** with European CME credits (ECMECs<sup>®</sup>) granted via our Continuing Medical Education platform  
<https://eaccme.uems.eu>
- ◆ **26 European Training Requirements (ETRs)** setting the highest standards in specialty medical training. [www.uems.eu](http://www.uems.eu)
- ◆ **More than 30 European Examinations**, as marks of excellence in medical specialties  
[www.uems.eu/areas-of-expertise/postgraduate-training/cesma](http://www.uems.eu/areas-of-expertise/postgraduate-training/cesma)
- ◆ **Quality control through appraisals** of European Examinations by UEMS-CESMA (Council of European Specialist Medical Assessment)  
[www.uems.eu/areas-of-expertise/postgraduate-training/cesma](http://www.uems.eu/areas-of-expertise/postgraduate-training/cesma)
- ◆ **8 Medical Training Centers** accredited by the **UEMS-NASCE** (Network of Accredited Skills Centres in Europe) <https://nascenet.org>



## UEMS BODIES

### The National Medical Associations (NMAs)

The management Council that governs the UEMS is composed of delegates from 31 full member states, 4 associate members and 4 observers.



### The Medical Specialties

The UEMS represents more than 50 medical disciplines through various bodies and structures. The most important ones are the **43 Specialist Sections**, which represent independently recognised specialties. Most of them have created a **European Board** as a subgroup, in conjunction with the relevant European Society, with a view to defining European standards of medical education and training. They also contribute to the work of **Multidisciplinary Joint Committees (MJC)** which address fields of a multidisciplinary nature.

[www.uems.eu/about-us/medical-specialties](http://www.uems.eu/about-us/medical-specialties)

## POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

### European Training Requirements (ETRs)

The UEMS process for developing the ETRs for a certain specialty or competency, is initiated and coordinated by the relevant UEMS Section. A very wide consultation process takes place across Europe involving: the 39 national specialist associations represented in the Section, the relevant national and European scientific societies, colleges, universities, national professional bodies and accreditation authorities.

It covers the

- ◆ Training requirements (clinical, academic, professional)
- ◆ Standards of clinical care
- ◆ Accreditation of trainers
- ◆ Appraisal and accreditation of training centres

### European examinations

The **CESMA** (*Council for European Specialists Medical Assessment*) is an advisory body of the UEMS created in 2007 with an aim to provide recommendation and advice on the organisation of European examinations for medical specialists at the European level.

Its main role is to:

- To promote harmonisation of European Board assessments
- To provide guidelines to the Boards on the conduct of assessments
- To encourage take up of Board assessments as a quality mark
- To offer an alternative to National assessments, where appropriate



## CPD-CME ACCREDITATION

In 1999, the UEMS established the

**EACCME®**

*European Accreditation Council for CME*

It has been active from the year 2000, providing **accreditation** for

- ♦ *international live educational events*  
(conferences and meetings)
- ♦ *E-learning material*  
(e-modules, e-platforms, e-libraries, apps)

It offers recognition of **CPD-CME activities** for

- ♦ Reviewing scientific and educational material
- ♦ Publishing scientific and educational material
- ♦ Learning by teaching
- ♦ Examiners in European examinations

It provides a mechanism of **mutual recognition** of CME credits  
by the National Accreditation Authorities of

- ♦ 21 European countries
- ♦ USA & Canada

<https://eaccme.uems.eu>

## DOMUS MEDICA EUROPAEA

The DME is a state-of-the-art building located in the heart of Brussels, capital of Europe. Our facilities are not only available to all UEMS bodies but to all colleagues, institutions and organisations looking for a place dedicated to health care issues.

### Meeting rooms for rent

6 meeting rooms fully adaptable : U shape, theatre, board room, classroom

Up to 50 participants

Wifi, advanced multimedia equipment



### Office space for rent

All facilities included

(Internet, phone, printer)

Fully flexible office space

for up to 8 people

Fully furnished





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