




# Emergency Medicine

## *A Guide for Students*

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## Objectives

- Describe why a PA should enter EM
- List how to have a successful career / rotation in EM

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**What is your favorite pizza?**

- (A) Pepperoni
- (B) Cheese
- (C) Meat Lover
- (D) Veggie

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## What speciality do you want to practice?

- (A) Emergency Medicine
- (B) Primary Care
- (C) Surgery
- (D) COVID has scared me so I've decided to work at Costco

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## What EM Is Not



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## What EM Is Still Not



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## What EM Is



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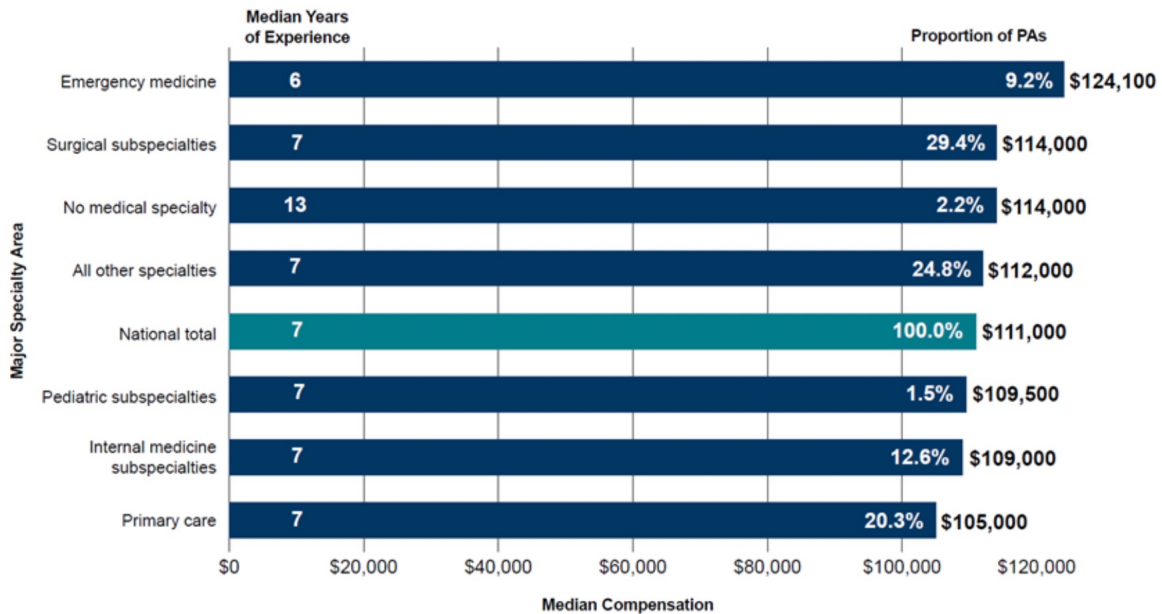
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# Why EM?

- Variety
- Procedures
- Shift work
- Excitement of not knowing what's coming in next
- Teamwork with nurses, physicians, unit clerks, techs
- Some of the highest compensation
- You don't deal with insurance companies

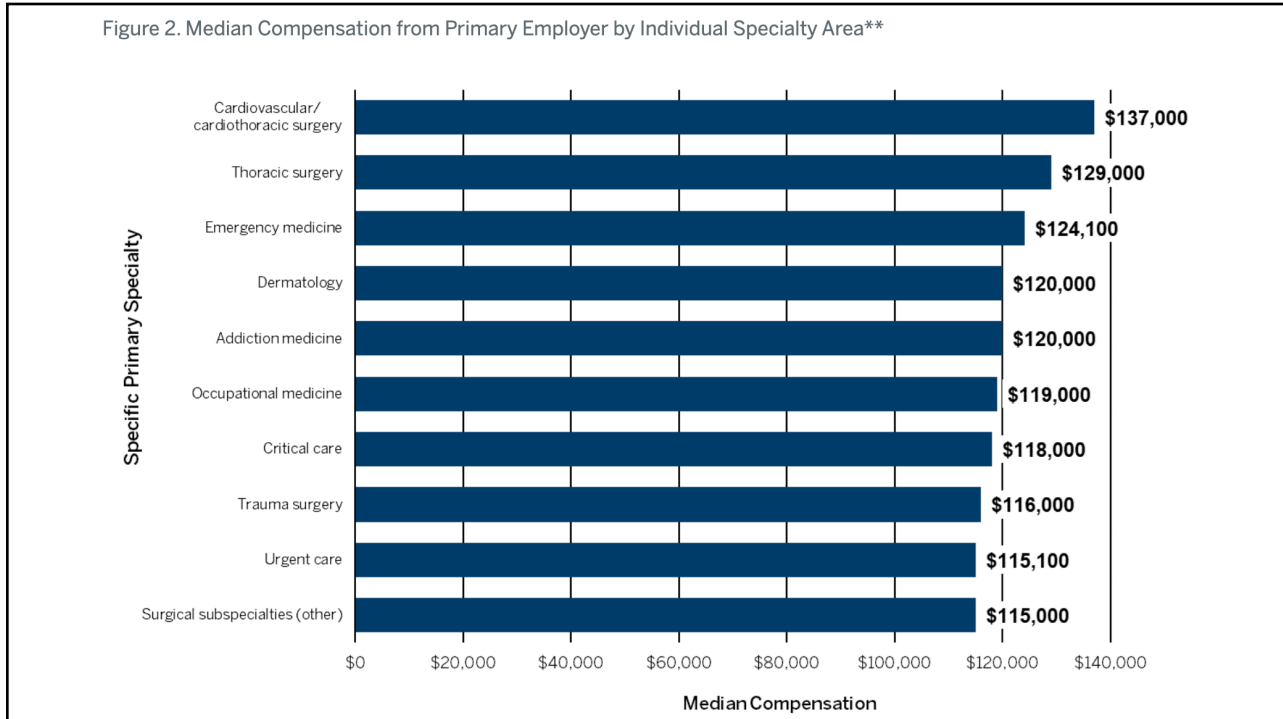
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Figure 1. Median Compensation from Primary Employer by Major Specialty Area\*



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## EM Subspecialties

- Tactical medicine
- Ultrasound
- Wilderness Medicine
- EMS
- Education
- Disaster

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## Where to Find a Job

- Best jobs are word of mouth
- Advertisements
  - Journals
  - Hospital websites
  - Contract Management Group (CMG)
  - Internet (SEMPA, AAPA, Indeed, etc)
- Local group
- Inquire if you see a physician job



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## Difficulty Entering the Market?

- Location
- UC experience
- Alphabet courses (ACLS, ATLS, PALS, FCCS)
- Procedure course
- Smaller ED
- Residency / fellowship



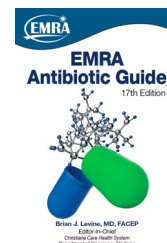
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## Tools of the Trade

- ID badge
- Medication guide
- Pens
- Trauma shears
- Pocket EM guide
- Stethoscope
- Antibiotic guide
- Penlight
- Passwords / phone numbers
- Guaic developer



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## Surviving Your EM Rotation

- Show up early
  - On time is late
- Check on the dress code
  - Scrubs, formal, white coats, etc.
- Stay busy / stay productive / be an active learner
  - Don't hide in a corner
- Pimping
- Nurses Rock!

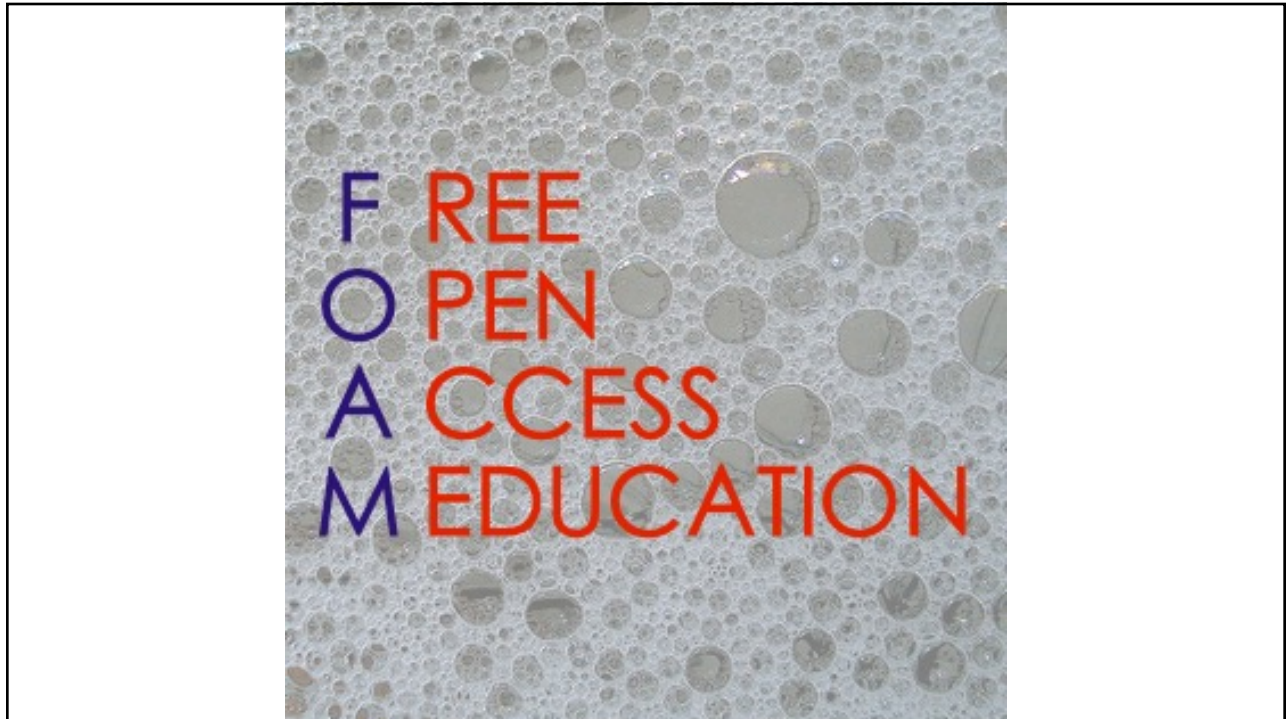
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## Surviving Your EM Rotation cont.

- Be humble, egos will sink you
- Ask for help
  - If a patient is ill, let someone know right away
- Be prepared to stay late



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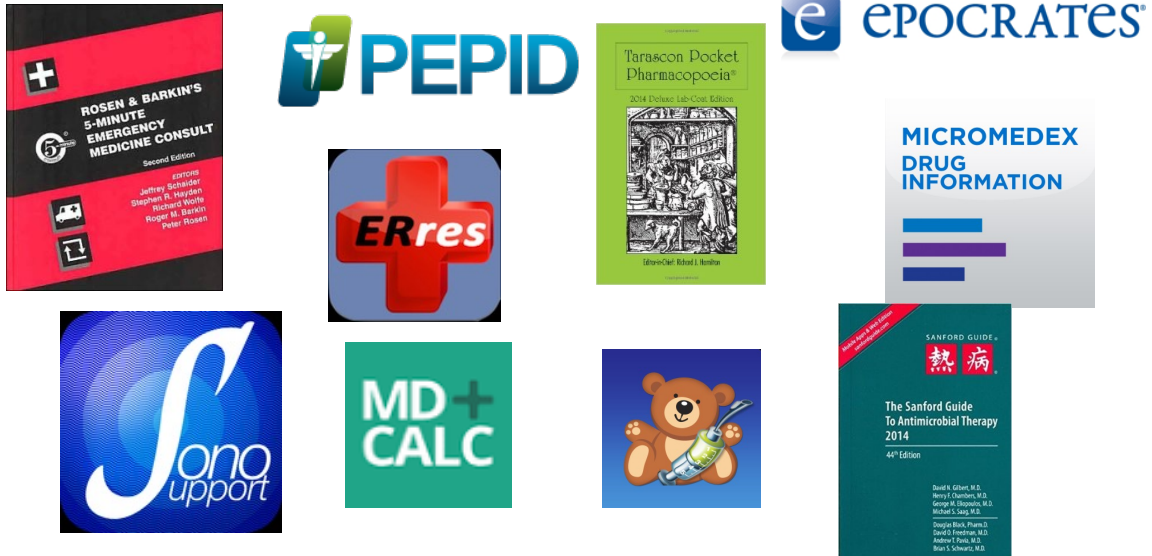
The screenshot shows the ALiEM website interface. At the top, there are social media icons and a search bar. The main navigation includes 'Best Of', 'Clinical', 'Non-Clinical', 'PV Cards', 'Videos', and 'About'. The article 'Trick of the Trade: Peritonsillar abscess needle aspiration' is the central focus, written by Michelle Lin, MD, on September 9th, 2009. It includes a 'Print PDF / Email' button and a 'HOW DO YOU DRAIN A PERITONSILLAR ABSCESS?' section. A photograph of a peritonsillar abscess is shown with anatomical labels: 'Base of Soft Tissue Peritonsillar Abscess', 'Uvula', and 'Tongue'. The article text describes the condition and treatment options. To the right, there are sections for 'Mon-Wed: Clinical topics', 'Thu: Anything goes', 'Fri: MedIC and bookclub series', 'Sat: How I Stay Healthy in EM', and 'Sun: How I Work Smarter'. Below this is a 'FREE PV CARDS' section with icons for various topics. Further down, it mentions 'IN PARTNERSHIP WITH' EM:RAP and HIPPOEM, and an 'ACADEMIC JOB BOARD' with a 'JOB' icon.

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This collage promotes several emergency medicine resources. On the left, the 'EM:RAP' logo features a pair of orange headphones and the text 'Emergency Medicine: Reviews and Perspectives'. In the center, the 'EMCRIT PODCAST' logo is displayed over a background of medical supplies, with the website 'emcrit.org' below it. To the right, a screenshot of the 'FREE EMERGENCY MEDICINE TALKS' website is shown, featuring a search bar and a list of talks. Below the screenshot is the 'EM BASIC YOUR BOOT CAMP GUIDE TO EMERGENCY MEDICINE' logo. At the bottom, there are three more promotional boxes: 'New! AAEM Podcasts' with a microphone icon and the text 'topics of importance for the emergency physician. Tune in today. Click here to listen!'; 'ULTRASOUND PODCAST with Mike and Matt' with a blue background and two faces; and 'PEM+ED PODCAST' with a red background and the 'ercast' logo.

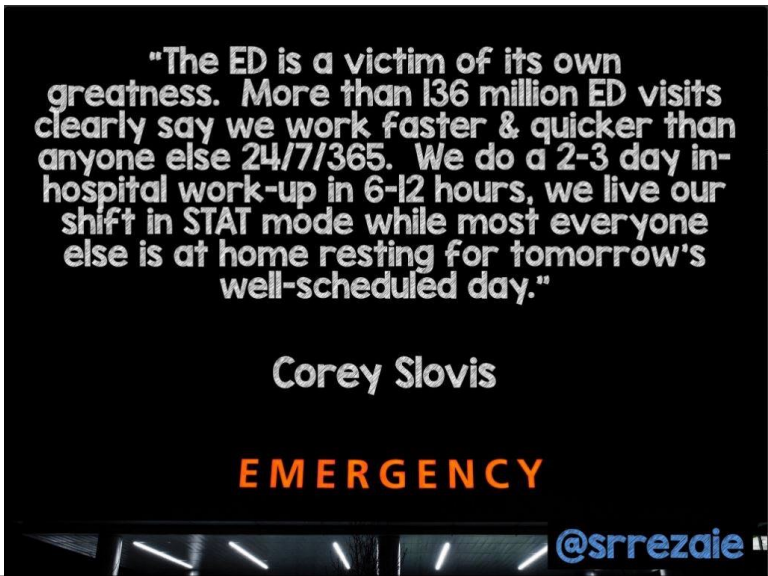
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# Smartphone Apps



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# This Is What We Do



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