

## **Emergency Medicine**

Christchurch Hospital's Emergency Department is a busy department, seeing in excess of 130,000 patients per year. The department deals with the full range of medical and surgical problems and is the tertiary referral centre for trauma in the region. The acuity level of patients seen in this Department can be high, with an admission rate of over 30%. Patients may self-refer, be transferred by St John Ambulance or Police, or by their General Practitioner.

The Emergency Department has a team of 30 Consultants (a mix of full and part-time), 7 Fellows, 30 Registrars and 20 second year or above House Officers. There is a dedicated team of senior nursing staff who provide specialized nursing care, including triage of all patients entering the system.

There is a regular continuing education programme for the medical staff, held for 4 hours each week, plus regular simulation training. There is a comprehensive registrar teaching programme. The Department is accredited for advanced training in Emergency Medicine by the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) for two years. Current training rotations include ICU, anaesthesia, paediatrics, general medicine (often cardiology) and acute orthopaedics.

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