

An Emergency Medicine Research Priority Setting Partnership to Establish the Top 10 Research Priorities in Emergency Medicine

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

emergency medicine

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

Europe - United Kingdom

Why was it conducted at all?

Emergency medicine (EM) is a broad specialty, and the research both underway and planned is such a vast undertaking that we need to focus on the most important research questions to answer the most pressing uncertainties.

What was the objective?

to identify topics that are important to all clinicians, society and to patients

What was the outcome?

a ranking list of 10 research questions

How long did the research prioritization take?

18 months

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

JLA method

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: setting up PSP: steering group established, stakeholders and partner organizations identified. Step 2: collecting research questions: survey, 214 research questions submitted. Step 3: data processing: reviewing questions, check against evidence, resulting in 72 indicative questions. Step 4: interim ranking: longlist of 72 questions, participants were asked to rate each question, resulting in shortlist of 30 questions. Step 5: final prioritization: workshop: small group discussions, final plenary discussion and final plenary ranking

Which stakeholders took part?

Royal college of emergency medicine (rcem) members, clinicians working in eds, patients, carer organizations. Workshop: 34 participants including doctors, nurses, patients and carers.

How were stakeholders recruited?

The online survey was promoted through advertisements, social media and direct requests.

Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?

Stakeholders not only participated but were also actively involved in the research prioritization process: They were part of a steering group. The steering group consisted of 16 members.