

London PHEM training program

The London Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine training program offers exceptional training and the opportunity to work in services with world class reputations. The program is led by London's Air Ambulance and delivered in partnership with the London Ambulance Service.

The program is one year full time (scheme C).

London's Air Ambulance

PHEM trainees will join a service with a 25 year history of pre-hospital care excellence. Performing on average 5 patient contact missions a day, with a high acuity leading to a 25% RSI rate, the clinical exposure gained far exceeds the requirements for PHEM training.



Consultants in pre-hospital care with world class reputations in the fields of major incidents, pre-hospital anaesthesia, pre-hospital blood transfusion and medical education head the service and deliver exceptional training.

London's Air Ambulance operates a 24/7/365 service, using an MD 902 during daylight hours and rapid response cars at night; tasking is exclusively to major trauma. Monday to Friday 08:00-18:00 a physician response unit

attends medical emergency calls. Operations are based at The Helipad, Royal London Hospital, E1 1BB

Twice weekly case review meetings ("D&D") are led by consultants and provide considerable opportunity to learn from the collective experience of over 30,000 missions, as well as undertake case based discussions. Monthly clinical governance days attract an international as well as a local audience and are a major focus of clinical governance for the service.

Other flight doctors seconded to London's Air Ambulance come from around the world, often with extensive experience of aeromedical or retrieval medicine, providing an unparalleled opportunity for exchanging knowledge.

Training & Experience

Further educational opportunities include extrication training with London Fire Brigade and at the National Fire Service College in Oxfordshire, as well as specialist extrication & rescue training with London Underground. Exposure to retrieval medicine will be provided by the neonatal retrieval service at the Royal London Hospital.



The London PHEM program collaborates with other PHEM schemes to offer training days addressing areas such as CBRN, environmental emergencies, obstetric and neonatal problem and retrieval / transfer medicine to ensure all curriculum areas are covered. Logbooks from current doctors indicate that likely exposure will be 300 patients, 60 RSIs and 75 procedural sedations.

London Ambulance Service

London Ambulance G Service is the busiest ambulance service in the UK and is supporting the PHEM program through the delivery of expert training in major incident and mass gathering management, as well as dispatch and coordination.

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