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### Explanation of terms and career progression in Emergency medicine

Doctors are either considered trainees or non-trainees

#### Trainees are:

- **Foundation years** – FY1 and FY2, enrolled in a foundation programme with a foundation school, from the date of leaving medical school for two years. Must be signed off FY2 to be able to apply for next level  
**These doctors may apply for Affiliate Membership** (cannot get MCEM)
- **Core trainees** – CT1, CT2 and CT3 (were called ST1, 2, 3 but changed in 2010). Should all be registered for training with the College.  
**These doctors may apply for Associate Membership** unless they get MCEM when they will be Member by Examination
- **Higher trainees** – ST4-6 and SpRs. All will have a postgraduate certificate such as MCEM, MRCS, MRCP, MRCGP, MRCPC unless they entered training in 2007/2008  
**These doctors are eligible for Membership by Election** or have Membership by Examination

Any of these doctors working overseas but originally working in the UK can be a member (appropriate cat) (overseas)

Any doctor working overseas and not originally UK may be able to be a member but will need careful review of CV, they are more likely to be eligible for Affiliate Membership

#### Non-trainees are:

##### Below consultant level

- Working in posts that are not recognised as training posts such as clinical fellows, staff grades, trust grades etc
- may be at the same level of experience as core trainees or higher trainees (working as middle grade)– so would be Associate Members
- If they have a postgraduate diploma (including MRCS, MRCP etc) and experience equal to higher trainees – and can be Associate Fellow
- If they have passed MCEM they may be Member by Examination, they cannot be Member by election

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- Non Trainees who are working as locum consultants, are not eligible for Fellowship unless they have the Fellowship examination

### **Consultants**

- Substantive Consultants are eligible for Fellowship by Examination if they passed the fellowship exam, or Fellowship by Election if not they are Fellowship Ad Eundem if they have FACEM or Singapore fellowship
- if working overseas they are Fellow (overseas) or Fellow *Ad Eundem*( overseas)
- if working as Consultant overseas – not UK trained, will be Associate Fellow unless they are *Ad Eundem* (to be reviewed)

### **Doctors not full time EM**

Higher trainees in other specialties and junior non trainees (below Consultant level): these can be Associate Fellow if they have a postgraduate diploma or Associate Member if no postgraduate diploma

Consultants in other specialties : get reduced subs and no CPD but can be Fellows by Election

### **Retired members:**

- if they want to revalidate – need to do CPD and pay Revalidation fees – so full fellowship fees
- if they only want CPD – can be life member with CPD extra fees