

The Integration of Forensic Medicine Specialist with Emergency Medicine Specialist in the Emergency Department

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In this editorial, I would like to cover a very important topic in documenting legal cases in the emergency department. It is observed that general practitioners cover emergency departments particularly in the night shifts. From experience on daily bases, we have noted the existence of police office adjacent to emergency departments in hospitals. The definition of legal case from other routine cases may be a problematic. Some cases are urgent and should be treated without delay. The classification of these cases is crucially to be completed as quickly as possible for the interest of the patients.

Various cases are examined in the emergency departments including toxic cases, accidental cases, suicidal cases, and others. In addition to appropriate submitted medical aids, the different injuries and medical conditions have to be well documented because health insurance rights are also important to be reported in a later stage.

To increase the efficiency of medical services provided for the patients and to retain the rights of the patients, appropriate documentation of legal and medical cases should be accurately performed. We suggest integrating the work of legal medicine specialists with the emergency department or providing better training for general practitioners who intend to work in the emergency department in legal medicine clinics.

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