

Point of care ultrasound (POCUS) in European Helicopter Emergency Medical Services.

1. General Information

1. How old are you?

- 25-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- 51-60
- > 60

2. What is your gender?

- female
- male

. In which country is the HEMS you are working with based?

. What HEMS organization / provider you are working with?

5. Do you have a leading position (medical superadvisor, medical leader of a HEMS base, chief instructor or training manager) within your HEMS organisation?

- Yes
- No

6. Is your HEMS physician staffed?

- Yes
- No

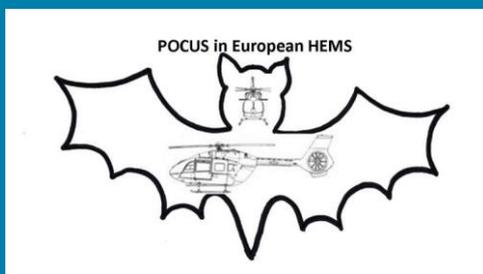
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2. Staff and POCUS

7. If the answer of the previous question was **NO** - Is your HEMS staffed with a

- Paramedic
- Flight Nurse
- Infirmier Siamu (nurse that combines clinical and preclinical medicine)

8. If the answer to question 6 was **YES** - What other profession is part of the HEMS medical team?"

- Paramedic
- Flight Nurse
- Infirmier Siamu (nurse that combines clinical and preclinical medicine)

9. Does your HEMS organization provide POCUS?

- Yes, always when needed.
- Yes, but occasionally (only in some type of aircraft, or only on some bases)
- No

10. If the answer of the previous question was **YES** - For how many years have your HEMS been providing POCUS?

11. If the answer of question 8 was **NO** - Does your HEMS organization plan to integrate POCUS in the patients care in the future?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

12. If the answer of the previous question was **YES** - When will you probably start to provide POCUS?

- Less than 1 year
- Within 2 years
- Within 3 years
- > 3 years

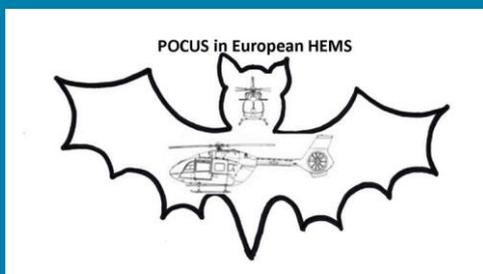
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3. How important is POCUS?

13. How important is POCUS for your HEMS organization in daily HEMS practice (1-10, 1 not important at all, 10 extremely important)?

14. In what kind of patients do you think POCUS is more important?

- Trauma
- Non trauma
- Both

15. What are the areas mainly investigated with POCUS in your HEMS and how important are they? (**Just give answers for areas that are investigated in your HEMS.**)

	not important at all	possible important	important	very important	of utmost importance
Airway ultrasound	<input type="radio"/>				
Chest	<input type="radio"/>				
Regional anesthesia	<input type="radio"/>				
Abdomen	<input type="radio"/>				
Echocardiography	<input type="radio"/>				
Vascular (Aortic aneurysm)	<input type="radio"/>				

	not important at all	possible important	important	very important	of utmost importance
Others	<input type="radio"/>				

Others - Please explain

16. What are the clinical conditions in which POCUS is important?

	I disagree	I am not sure	I agree
Traumatic shock	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non traumatic shock	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acute abdomen	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dyspnea	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CPR	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

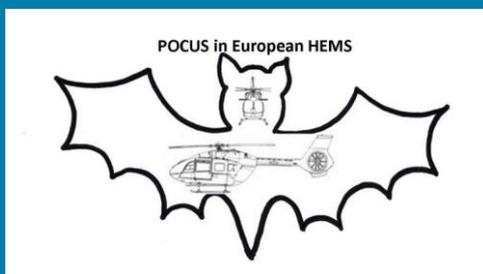
Others - Please explain

17. Does your HEMS use standard protocols for POCUS?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

18. If the answer in the previous question was **YES** – What protocols are used?

- (p)FAST - (pre-hospital) focused assessment with sonography for trauma
- eFAST - extended focused assessment with sonography for trauma
- FATE - focus assessed transthoracic echo
- RUSH protocol for shock (Rapid Ultrasound in Shock and Hypotension)
- Other, please explain



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4. Last but not least.

19. How often has POCUS being used in the last 1000 patients of your HEMS organization?

- < 10
- 10 - 50
- 51 - 100
- 101 - 200
- 201 - 300
- > 300
- I do not know

20. How are the POCUS findings recorded in your HEMS?

- Video clip
- Electronic data base
- Mission protocol / Patient Record Form
- Not recorded, if not relevant
- Not recorded at all

21. What POCUS device do you use?

22. Are you pleased with this device or do you have remarks with respect to its use?

- Pleased
- Not pleased
- Remarks

23. Is there a credentialing process for using POCUS in your HEMS?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

24. If the answer to the previous question was YES - What are the requirements?

Didactic
teaching.....
.... Hours

Hands on
training.....
....Hours

Number of
documented
cases.....
Cases

POCUS-Course
of an expert
association in
your country (1-
YES; 0=No)

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