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Interview on Emergency Radiology
Poland/Dr. Marek Stajgis**

Dr. Marek Stajgis says Polish radiologists are on duty for 24 hours in the emergency department, but they don't have a dedicated emergency team at his hospital

European Society of Radiology: *Could you please describe the role of the radiologist in a typical emergency department in your country?*

Marek Stajgis: If there is such a thing in a Polish hospital, the radiologist is a member of the emergency team. If not, radiologists work in cooperation with emergency room staff and participate in the diagnostic decision process.

ESR: *What does a typical day in the emergency department look like for a radiologist?*

MS: During a typical day, radiologists in the emergency department are on duty for 24 hours. They deal with all diagnostic procedures, not just emergencies.

ESR: *Teamwork is crucial in an emergency department. How is this accomplished in your department and who is involved?*

MS: We do not have an emergency team at our hospital.

ESR: *How satisfied are you with the workflow and your role in your department? How do you think it could be improved?*

MS: I am quite satisfied with our workflow. I believe an emergency team should be established, but that is a decision of the university administrators.

ESR: *Which modalities are used for different emergencies? Could you please give an overview sorted by modalities?*

MS: For simple fractures, we use x-rays; For multitrauma patients, we use whole body CT; for neurological trauma, MR often is involved.

ESR: *Is teleradiology an issue in emergency radiology? If yes, how so, and how often is it used?*

MS: In my opinion, no. Radiologists must be on site, where trauma patients are admitted to the hospital.

ESR: *Are emergency radiologists active anywhere other than emergency departments? Do they have other non-emergency roles, or other emergency roles in other departments?*

MS: In Poland, all radiologists who are on duty in the emergency department are general radiologists. They also work in the general radiology department, so they are involved in any diagnostic procedure.

ESR: *Do you have direct contact with patients and if yes, what does it entail?*

MS: We do not have direct contact with patients often. We do only when there is a question of additional examinations.

ESR: *How are radiologists in your country trained in emergency radiology? Is emergency radiology a recognised specialty in your country?*

MS: Emergency radiology is not recognised as a specialty. It is a part of general radiological training, which lasts five years.

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