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Education and advanced training in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine

Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine (A+ICM) is a speciality which focuses in particular on profound knowledge in basic science, evidence based medicine and pharmacotherapy as well as continuous development of personal skills. There are a broad variety of national and international courses, congresses and meetings, many of them organised and held by specialists in the field and under patronage of national and international societies and associations.

Courses, congresses and programs in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care should be carefully selected with regard to the level of education and qualification. When beginning speciality training in A+ICM, practice based learning and interdisciplinary discourse is recommended, whereas it is better to focus on specific knowledge when sectional interest is decided or a specific request is made by the department you are working in.

Many of these courses and training programs finish with a final exam and the diplomas conferred are not only requested as a prerequisite for international board examinations but also serve as criterion for the future careers of specialists in the field. Since the costs of such educational programs are considerable, a documented recommendation and/or patronage by university institutions is advisable.

How to get further information

Scientific Journals of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine as well as webpages of societies and associations on the internet might be an option to get further information.

As a first choice the webpage of the Austrian Society of Anaesthesia, Resuscitation and Intensive Care Medicine (ÖGAR/www.oegari.at) can be recommended. Besides a national and international calendar of events it offers links to various sub-speciality webpages such as coagulation networks, ultrasound and regional anaesthesia and echocardiography workshops. A special feature might be the possibility for continuous education via recorded lessons from scientific meetings. Further web-addresses include those of Austria`s medical universities and international societies, which are listed below

www.meduniwien.ac.at/anaesthesie

Medizinische Universität Wien

www.meduni-graz.at/anaesthesie

Medizinische Universität Graz

www.salk.at

Salzburger Universitätsklinikum

www.i-med.ac.at/anaesthesie

Medizinische Universität Innsbruck

www.euroanesthesia.org

European Society of Anaesthesiologists

www.esicm.org

European Society of Intensive Care Medicine