

Joint statement by the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine, the Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care and the British Association of Sport and Exercise Medicine.

There are several courses now available to Doctors and Allied Health Professionals to give them the competencies required to deal with emergencies they may be exposed to when covering sport.

Some of these are focused on one specific sport, while others are more generic while still very much addressing the core curriculum and competencies required for the sporting community.

The Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care (FPHC), through its Training and Standards committee, offers an endorsement process of all immediate care courses. Endorsement is a mark of **curriculum content and educational quality**, confirming the course complies with teaching and educational standards of the Faculty.

Both Faculties strongly support the concept of cross reciprocation of courses, especially now there is a robust and transparent endorsement process, checking on course content and delivery, but they are not in a position to enforce the different organisations running courses to accept other organisations courses.

The following four sports courses are currently endorsed by FPHC (as of 1 Jul 18):

- Immediate Medical Management on the Field of Play (IMMFP)
- Pre-Hospital Immediate Care in Sport (PHICIS)
- Medical Cardiac & Pitch Side Skills (SCRUMCAPS)
- Advanced Trauma Medical Management in Football (ATMMiF)

Emergency Medical Management in Individual and Team Sports (EMMITS) is not currently being run but was last delivered in 2017, so there may be practitioners with this qualification.

Each of the courses do have a slightly different revalidation process (from refresher to reaccreditation to recertification), although most should have an annual component.

The Course Programme Directors of the main sports courses all agree that recognition of equivalence is important, as many individuals work across a variety of sports. **They are in agreement that if an individual is in-date from one of the above courses, that qualification will be recognised without the need to attend a sport-specific course.**

It would however be advisable for an individual working in one specific sport to go through the revalidation process associated with the course linked to that sport, but this would not be a requirement before working in that sport.

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Frequently asked Questions

1. Q. If I move into football and am in-date for one of the FPHC endorsed courses, when do I have to do the FA ATMMiF refresher?

A. Each of the endorsed courses have a slightly different refresher, reaccreditation or recertification process, so you should do your ATMMiF refresher when your course refresher would be due or within the year (whichever is sooner).

2. Q. I have done an emergency care in sport course that is not on the list. Is it not recognised?

A. There are a few sports courses which have not presented themselves to the Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care, so we are unable to grant cross recognition when they have not been through the rigorous validation and endorsement process. They may be very good courses, but because they have chosen not to be endorsed, we are unable to recognise equivalence.

3. Q. I am moving from football into rugby next season. Why can I not stay with the ATMMiF course?

A. Cross recognition will allow you to move seamlessly from one sport to another, but the recommendation of all signatories is very clear; if you are to be working predominantly in one sport, you should do the course with a focus on that sport, with the added benefit of their sport-specific issues and scenario-based simulations.