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***Statement concerning duration of training in Intensive Care
Medicine for the speciality of Anaesthesiology in Europe***

It has been brought to the attention of the Section and Board of Anaesthesiology of the UEMS (EBA), that in certain European countries, trainees certified in Anaesthesiology and Reanimation/Intensive Care Medicine and thus receiving their national title have in fact not been able to follow appropriate training in the field of Intensive Care.

Whatever the reason for and cause of this problem, the EBA would like to emphasize one main point, i.e., that sufficient time must be allotted to the training of specialist practitioners in the field of Intensive Care Medicine in order to acquire the competencies defined in all national curricula.

The EBA thus strongly recommends that a minimum of six months and an optimal period of one to two years be accomplished at the end of the specialist training program in any nationally recognized ICU.

In the midst of a major revision of the European training guidelines in Anaesthesiology, this matter will be largely and clearly expressed in the future so that all countries can take appropriate steps from now onwards to fulfil the requirements for training of certified Anaesthesiology specialists.

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