

MEMBER DISCUSSION POST GUIDELINES

WELCOME TO MEMBER DISCUSSIONS!

The Member Discussions area is where members of the BC Emergency Medicine Network (EM Network) can discuss emergency medicine practice and culture. We're so glad you're here! We hope you will help create great conversations in the EM community. Member Discussions should foster helpful and informative conversations and build community amongst EM Network members. Member Discussions are private, viewable only to registered EM Network Members. Below are some guidelines for how to participate.

The short version

- **Do** remain respectful of other members at all times.
- **Don't** be afraid to disagree with fellow members. However, members are not free to attack, degrade, insult, or otherwise belittle others or harm the quality of this community.

POSTING GUIDELINES

Below are some general guidelines for making member discussion posts. Note that this is not a comprehensive list. Our moderators reserve the right to remove anything we deem inappropriate.

- + Be nice to each other! We are all here to learn and help each other out. Posts and replies should be helpful and informative, not negative or hurtful of anyone's questions or ideas. All posts should be respectful and courteous.
- + You have every right to disagree with your fellow EM Network members and explain your perspective. However, you are not free to attack, degrade, insult, or otherwise belittle them or the quality of this community.

Posts may be deleted if they include any of the following:

- + **Personal information:** Do not share personal or sensitive information about others, including sharing information that violates patient confidentiality.
- + **Discrimination:** Do not post statements or images that are discriminatory against an individual or a group of people. Discrimination is intentional or unintentional. Discrimination can be individual or systemic. Harassment is considered discrimination. It is the impact on the complainant, and not the intent of the poster that defines the treatment as discrimination.

- + **Bullying:** Bullying or harassment is objectionable and unwanted behaviour that is verbally or physically abusive, vexatious or hostile, and creates a hostile or intimidating environment for others. Harassment may be intentional or unintentional. A single serious incident with a lasting harmful effect can constitute bullying or harassment.
- + **Abuse:** Personal attacks include overly negative comments or attacks on individuals or other organizations (including health organizations, government(s), or public entities), or threats to an individual's safety will not be tolerated. Do not post unlawful, abusive, defamatory, or obscene information of any kind.
- + **Misinformation:** Any posts that promote obvious falsehoods.
- + **Copyright:** Do not post any content including articles, images, stories, software, or other material, which violates or infringes upon the rights of others. This includes material that is an invasion of privacy or publicity rights, or which is protected by any intellectual property rights, copyright, patent, trade secret, trademark without first obtaining permission from the rights holder. Please attribute any image, quoted or paraphrased information to the sources.
- + **Spam:** If it comes from a human or a robot, spam will be deleted. Do not post junk mail, chain letters, unsolicited mass mailing, or overly self-promotional posts. Do not post any content which contains a virus or other harmful component.
- + **Commercial Use:** Do not use the website for commercial purposes, including posts that contain advertising, solicitations or sales.

Any member discussion posts violating the stated rules of conduct are subject to being removed by the website owner. Please also see the www.bcemergencynetwork.ca [Terms of Use Agreement](#).

See any of the above? You can help us by flagging a discussion post.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

Flag a Comment: This is one way to report a post to the moderators. To flag a comment, click the flag icon beside the post. That's it! Please do not use it to report comments you disagree with or to hassle users. Please help our moderators keep Member Discussions a safe place for building community and engaging in healthy debate!

Contact the Admin Team: If you need to report abuse, please send an email to connect@bcemergencynetwork.ca. We appreciate your help!

ACCESS

Access to Member Discussions is limited to registered members of the BC Emergency Medicine Network: licenced physicians who practice emergency care in BC. Member Discussions are not publicly viewable. Only EM Network members can view and comment on Member Discussion posts.

HELP TOPICS

What is The Lounge?

- + [The Lounge](#) is a section of the EM network website. In the Lounge, members and the public can post questions, ideas, and have conversations about emergency care.
- + There are two ways to interact in The Lounge:
 - + **Member Discussion Posts:** These are private discussion posts, viewable only to other registered members of the EM Network. To start a discussion, visit The Lounge, click the “Add a Post” button, and select “Start a Discussion”.
 - + **Blog Posts:** These are public blog posts viewable by members and the public. To create a blog post, visit The Lounge, click the “Add a Post” button, and select “Submit a Blog Post”.

How do I register or sign in?

- + To sign in, click the ‘Log In’ button at the top right corner of the [home page](#). If you need to register, visit www.bcemn.ca/register and fill out the registration form. Membership is open to all licensed physicians practicing emergency care in BC.

Do I need to register to use The Lounge?

- + No. You only need to register to participate in Member Discussions. Registering as a member allows you to view, post, and reply to Member Discussion posts. To be eligible to register as a member, you must be a licenced physician who currently practices emergency care in BC.
- + For members of the public, all blog posts and podcasts found in The Lounge are publicly accessible. You are able to post a reply to all blog and podcast posts without being a member.

Who do I contact for help?

- + If you need to get in touch with the EM Network administrative team, you can reach us at connect@bcemergencynetwork.ca.