

Global Comparative Research on Right to Emergency Medical Care

Jurisdiction-specific comparison on the statutes and systems available in the countries studied

Specification	Country	India	Australia	Brazil	England & Wales	Germany	Japan	Malaysia	Pakistan	South Africa	USA
Guaranteed/Statutory right to emergency medical care	Written statutes	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Systems available	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial
Access to Bystander Care/ System Activation	Written statutes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	No ¹⁶	Partial	Partial	Yes
	Systems available	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes
Transfer from Scene to Facility: Protocols regarding ambulances and hospital care	Written statutes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Partial
	Systems available	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes	Partial
At the Facility: Early advance care and decisive care (emergency room)	Written statutes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes	Partial
	Systems available	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes
Emergency care funding: State, insurance and privately-sourced funding	Written statutes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial
	Systems available	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial
Mechanism at the Federal and State level to regulate referrals at hospitals/ trauma care centres	Written statutes	No ¹⁷	Yes	Partial	Yes	No ¹⁸	Partial	Yes	Partial	Partial	Partial
	Systems available	Partial	Yes	Partial	Yes	Partial	Partial	Yes	Partial	Partial	Partial
Specific Guidelines/Regulations to address Highway Trauma	Written statutes	Partial	No ¹⁹	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Partial
	Systems available	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial

Note: While no separate highway code was found, a comprehensive system for EMC exists in the German, Malaysian, South African and Pakistani laws. Further, in Japan, all doctors have a duty to respond to emergency cases. Therefore, the systems available are in the category “partial.” This report shall be further updated if such evidence is found in the future.