**Increased duties of Emergency Physicians during the COVID-19 pandemic**

* Personal Tasks
	+ Undertaking Personal protective equipment (PPE) and scenario simulation COVID19 training
	+ Undertaking hand hygiene training and certification
	+ Donning and doffing PPE for some patients
	+ Infection control precautions for all patients
* Training
	+ (PPE and simulations) junior healthcare workers
	+ (PPE and equipment cleaning) non-ED healthcare workers required to attend the ED (eg radiographers, consulting inpatient unit doctors, techs)
* Clinical support for an increased number of junior doctors with minimal emergency medicine experience
* Managing information about COVID19
	+ Disseminating daily Department of Health protocol changes to ED staff (testing eligibility, contact definitions, PPE guidelines)
	+ Advising in-hospital staff and hospital administrators on COVID19 recommendations and screening processes
	+ Advising community healthcare workers on COVID19 processes (GPs, paramedics, aged-care facility enquiries)
	+ Advising community members about processes (eg for testing, isolation, test results)
	+ Managing community enquiries about hospital safety and visiting rules
* Managing and assisting with ambulance safe entry into the ED for suspected COVID19 patients
* Assisting
	+ With ED flow decisions to improve social distancing in EDs
	+ Supervision of nursing, orderly and cleaning staff re: infection control requirements (including supervising room cleaning)
* Notifying Department of Health of all suspected or confirmed COVID19 patients
* Discussing isolation requirements with patients and their families
* Additional inter-hospital transfers (facilitation and transport services)
* Spotting removal and application of PPE for healthcare workers (including non-medical/nursing)
* Emotional support for concerned healthcare workers each shift (colleagues, nurses, paramedics, support services, clerical staff, technicians, allied health workers)
* Managing visitor issues
	+ Conveying information
	+ Negotiating access for families to palliative patients and ensuring adequate infection control in the hospital and in the community after visits
* Screening
	+ Assisting with ambulance and triage screening for suspected COVID19
	+ Screening all elective admission patients for COVID19 at some facilities