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In the context of the Proposal for a Directive on Patients' Rights in Cross-border Healthcare, the AEMH adopted the following definition of hospital care:

Hospital care is

healthcare which requires overnight accommodation of the patient in question for at least one night

and/or

requires use of dedicated, cost-intensive medical infrastructure or medical equipment for medical acts presenting a particular risk for the patient or the population, provided by a team of highly specialized healthcare professionals.

The AEMH is a professional association of and for European hospital physicians, who have final responsibility for the patients, with the primary goal to improve all aspects of hospital life in Europe.