

PLENARY SESSION 3

Emergency unit presentations in an international nightlife resort

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The Spanish island of Ibiza is a major youth tourist destination and has a long association with clubbing. The island has a population of around 100,000 but this increases dramatically during the summer period, with over a million tourists visiting Ibiza each year. Many of these tourists are young people attracted to the island's nightclubs and bars, and during their stay holidaymakers often indulge in high levels of partying, including alcohol and drug use. The party scene in Ibiza creates large demands on the island's health services and particularly on the C'an Misses Hospital. For example in August 2005, 135 individuals were treated for serious drug poisoning at C'an Misses (which has just 200 beds) and staff at the hospital reported that 80% of those treated were foreign.

This presentation will discuss nightlife related attendances at the Emergency Department of C'an Misses Hospital and measures introduced to manage the health demands imposed by tourists to an international nightlife resort.