

Facility Recognition



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Arizona

- EMS for Children's program opted to focus on regionalization/standardizing
- 90% of pediatric patients treated in an ED access via the front door
- 10% arrive EMS
- Inclusive system improvement

AZ Goal – Inclusive System of Care

- Voluntary System Developed by ED Nurses and Physicians using the “Guidelines for Care of Children in the Emergency Department”
- Three tiers
- Sustainability: Membership and Certification Fees
- Consultation and Education
- Quality Improvement

Levels of Care – Names not Numbers

- **Prepared Care** - This level of certification provides services for pediatric care as part of a general Emergency Department. The hospital refers critically ill or injured children to other facilities and may or may not have pediatric inpatient services available.
- **Prepared Plus Care** - This level of certification provides services for most pediatric emergency care. The hospital has a focus on pediatrics, but ICU services for children are not available.
- **Prepared Advanced Care** - This level of certification provides services for all levels of pediatric emergency care. This hospital system includes a Pediatric intensive care unit and has a specific focus on pediatric services.

Criteria Example

- Physicians staffing Board-eligible or Board-certified in one of the allopathic or osteopathic boards of: Emergency Medicine, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine or Family Medicine.
- 4 hours of pediatric CME annually
- Non-board-certified physicians are required to have current PALS or APLS certification.
- Nursing staff must be licensed in the State of Arizona or multistate compact privilege.
- All nursing staff shall have PALS or ENPC certification within 6 months of hire.
- 4 hours of pediatric CME annually

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- QI review:
- All transfers out
- All pediatric deaths
- All child abuse/maltreatment
- Required Equipment
- Guidelines
- Disaster
- Transfers
- Abuse
- Sedation
- Patient safety
 - Medication
 - Weights in KG
 - ALARA

Pediatric Prepared Emergency Care

- April 2008 Stakeholder Meeting – Hospital CEOs, Emergency Department Leadership
- 2008 – 2010: Stakeholder Committee Meetings – review and refine criteria
- Late 2010: Program transferred to AzAAP, Formal Steering Committee seated
- December 2011: Initial site visits
- March 2012: 7 Advanced Care sites, 2 Prepared Plus sites certified by AzAAP Board
- May 2015: 36 Hospital Members, 26 Hospital EDs certified, 7 reverification visits

Membership Benefits

- Members discussion forum
 - members share guidelines, procedures, issues and questions
- Free educational classes and trainings
 - Certified Emergency Nurse Review Courses
 - Emergency Nursing Pediatric Courses
 - Advanced Pediatric Life Support, Newborn Resuscitation Program and/or STABLE
- Identification and action on issues common to most or all EDs
- Site visit participants share learning

Arizona Wins....

- Life saved
 - Standardizing care
 - Weights in kilograms
 - Improved child abuse policies
 - Mock codes
 - Disaster preparedness
 - Equipment in place
 - Clinical pathways shared
 - Improved flow
- Next Steps –
 - Full set of vital signs on all kids
 - % nurses with CEN, CPEN
 - Postmortem guidelines
 - Identify joint QI targets
 - Continue to bump the bar moving evidence to practice faster

Questions?

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