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ARK Hospital Recognition Program

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West Virginia Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)

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Introduction

The Federal Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program is designed to ensure that all children and adolescents, regardless of where they live, attend school, or travel, receive appropriate care in a health emergency. This program is administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Since its establishment, the EMSC Program has provided grant funding to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories.

The West Virginia EMSC Program is housed within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), Division of Trauma, Designation and Categorization. This program has received consistent federal funding since 2009. The Federal EMSC Grant mandates responsibilities for meeting Performance Measures 74 and 75. These two performance measures are designed to ensure that a statewide, standardized system exists in which all hospital emergency departments demonstrate an established plan and/or the ability to manage medical and trauma pediatric emergencies.

In 2009, a committee was formed to develop an *Always Ready for Kids (ARK)* program in West Virginia to assist in meeting Performance Measures 74 and 75. This committee consisted of pediatricians, paramedics, registered nurses, emergency medical technicians, and WV Office of Emergency Medical Services staff. American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Joint Policy Statement – Guidelines for Care of Children in the Emergency Department and Federal EMSC Guidelines for Care of Children in the Emergency Department were utilized in the development of this program. The goal of this *ARK* program is to create an effective and sustainable method to ensure that children who need treatment for life threatening illnesses or injuries have access to appropriate facilities, equipment and trained personnel at no cost to the facility. In January 2011, all 51 West Virginia acute care facilities were invited to attend one of six (6) regional educational rollouts to learn about the program. Attendance at one of these rollouts was supported by the West Virginia Hospital Association through collaborative efforts with the EMS for Children Coordinator. Invitations to participate were sent to hospital administrators, Director of Emergency Nursing, Director of Nursing, Designated Emergency Department Medical Director, and Lead Pharmacists. The first ARK verification site visits was successfully conducted in July 2011.

To successfully achieve ARK recognition, a facility is evaluated on criteria in each of the following categories:

- Airway Management
- Continuing Education
- Emergency Department Services
- Immobilization
- Miscellaneous (scales, external heat sources, etc.)
- Monitoring/Assessment
- Pediatric Resuscitation
- Personnel
- Policies and Procedures
- Quality Assurance
- Performance Improvement
- Radiology
- Specialized Pediatric Tray
- Vascular Access
- Chart Review five (5) charts from each of the following categories:
 - o Trauma
 - o Illness
 - Respiratory Disease
 - o Deaths

Each facility must demonstrate 100% compliance with "Essential" elements and 70% of "Desired" elements to receive ARK recognition. Compliance with the ARK guidelines are determined through a completed application and verified by an onsite visit with a four (4) member team consisting of a pediatric physician specialist, registered nurses, an emergency medical technician and others as deemed appropriate.

ARK recognition is valid for a three (3) year period. Prior to a facility expiring, the EMSC Coordinator contacts the facility with the most up-to-date document.

The ARK program criteria and strategies are reviewed annually by the ARK Medical Advisory Team. This team consists of pediatric physician specialists from a variety of disciplines statewide with guidance and support from the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services, EMSC Program. The most current revision to ARK criteria was implemented November 2014 based on ARK Medical Advisory Team recommendations.

Becoming an ARK recognized facility is a positive occurrence for both the hospital and community. Benefits include:

- Creating a culture driven to continue improvement of pediatric patient outcomes, availability of equipment, services, and up-to-date treatment policies and protocols.
- Increasing the public's confidence in overall quality of a hospital's ability to address medical needs of children.

- Recognizing physicians, nurses, specialists, and other clinical staff for their knowledge, abilities, and commitment through their employment in an ARK recognized facility; therefore demonstrating a solid hospital-wide commitment to excellent health care of West Virginia's pediatric population through their support of the ARK program.
- Increasing exposure in local communities as a facility prepared for addressing critical
 pediatric needs during a medical or trauma emergency. This is visible in the form of a
 plaque displayed in the facility's emergency department and through listing the facility on
 the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, West Virginia Office of
 Emergency Medical Services', EMSC website, and, additionally through self-promoting this
 accomplishment through local and/or statewide media outlets.
- Utilizing it as a recruiting and marketing tool to attract high quality physicians, nurses and other healthcare specialists.
- Enhancing potential educational and grant funding opportunities developed for rural hospitals and staff.

The West Virginia EMS for Children's Program would like to take this opportunity to invite your facility to review the enclosed information. Your facility's participation in the ARK initiative is vital to West Virginia becoming a nationwide model for the positive treatment outcomes of children during a medical or trauma emergency.

If your facility receives ARK recognition, it will remain valid for a period of three (3) years. At that time, your facility has the option of reapplying. If your hospital is interested in participating in the ARK initiative, please complete the application online or submit via e-mail to Vicki L. Hildreth, EMSC Coordinator, at Vicki.L.Hildreth@wv.gov or facsimile at (304) 558-8379. Questions may be forwarded to Ms. Hildreth at (304) 558-3956.



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MISSION: To provide an effective and sustainable process for the review of acute care facilities in West Virginia (WV) in regard to their ability to manage medical and trauma pediatric emergencies.

SCOPE: The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program is designed to ensure that all children and adolescents, regardless of where they live, attend school, or travel receives appropriate care in a health emergency. The WV EMSC Program receives federal EMSC grant funding and thus is mandated to ensure a statewide, standardized system exists in which all hospital emergency departments demonstrate an established plan and/or the ability to manage medical and trauma pediatric emergencies.

PURPOSE: The ARK Hospital Recognition Program recognizes acute care facilities that have the capability to manage medical and trauma pediatric emergencies per established ARK Hospital Recognition Program essential and desired elements.

GOALS:

- Provide an evidence-based, standardized statewide evaluation process for WV hospital emergency departments in their ability to manage medical and trauma pediatric emergencies.
- 2. Promote optimal hospital-based pediatric emergency care.
- 3. Provide a hospital pediatric emergency department recognition program at no cost to the facility.
- 4. Identify opportunities for hospital-based pediatric emergency care system evaluation and improvement.
- 5. Identify opportunities for WV pediatric emergency care system evaluation and system improvement.

PROCESS: After completion of the ARK application and pre-review element questionnaire, the WV EMSC Program Coordinator will review submitted paperwork and make a preliminary determination of facility's ability to meet requirements for successful ARK recognition. If it is determined that the facility is missing essential elements, a consultation conference call will be scheduled with the facility representative responsible for the ARK process. Once it is determined a facility is compliant with ARK essential elements, an ARK verification site visit will be scheduled. The verification team will consist of at least three (3) members (one physician from the ARK Medical Advisory Committee, one registered nurse from the WV OEMS office and the WV EMSC Program Coordinator). If a facility is found to have 100% compliance on "Essential" elements and 70% on "Desired" elements, the facility receives WV ARK recognition which remains valid for a period of three (3) years. Prior to the facility's ARK



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recognition expiration, the WV EMSC Program Coordinator will contact the facility and provide an updated application and pre-review element questionnaire.

PROCEDURE:

- The WV EMCS Program Coordinator makes contact with the facility's Emergency Department Nurse Manager or Trauma Program Manager and the Hospital Administrator explaining the mission, scope, and objectives of the WV ARK Hospital Recognition Program. The WV ARK Hospital Recognition Program application and pre-review element questionnaire are available on the WV OEMS, EMSC Website. The EMSC website is http://www.wvoems.org/designation-and-categorization/ems-for-children.
- Each facility is reminded of their ability to access an online readiness toolkit to assist with addressing policy, procedure or protocol questions. This ability was made possible because of the 100% compliance of WV hospitals completing the National Pediatric Readiness Project. The link is http://www.pediatricreadiness.org/PRP Resources/Policies Procedures Protocols .aspx.
- 3. The hospital completes the ARK application and pre-review element questionnaire and returns to the WV EMSC Program Coordinator.
- 4. The WV EMSC Program Coordinator and the Director of the Division of Trauma, Designation and Categorization will review the submitted material for completeness and ensure compliance with essential and desired elements.
- 5. If the facility has met the criteria, the WV EMSC Program Coordinator will coordinate an ARK site evaluation visit with the ARK Site Verification Team and the hospital.
- When the ARK site evaluation has been requested and dates/times coordinated, the facility will receive additional instructions, expectations and requests.
- 7. Compliance with the ARK requirements is verified by an on-site verification visit. This visit consists of an emergency department walk through, element verification, policy and procedure review, continuing education and pediatric chart review. Five (5) charts from each of the following categories will be reviewed: trauma, illness, respiratory distress, and death. A total of twenty (20) charts will be reviewed by the physician site verification team member.
- 8. An exit interview will be conducted to review and discuss the preliminary findings, any areas of non-compliance, corrections or request for additional information, if required. If scoring determines the facility has successfully met compliance with the ARK requirements, the facility will be made aware of their achievement
- 9. The facility will be notified, in writing, within four (4) weeks of the on-site verification visit outlining the site visit findings. If a facility does not meet requirements or if



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- corrections/additional information is needed, the areas of noncompliance will be outlined.
- 10. Upon successful completion, an invitation is sent to the hospital administrator, outlining details regarding a media event should the facility choose this option. The hospital will receive a plaque indicating the facility's name, successful ARK Hospital Recognition Program completion and certification period.

Effective Date: August 31, 2015 Approved: Approved:

ALWAYS READY FOR KIDS (ARK) HOSPITAL SITE EVALUATION REQUEST

COMPLETE FORM ONLINE AND RETURN TO VICKI L. HILDRETH, COORDINATOR, EMS FOR CHILDREN AT: VICKI.L.HILDRETH@WV.GOV OR FACSIMILE AT (304) 558-8379.

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	Comments:				
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AIR	WAY/RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
1.	Bag-valve-mask resuscitator, self-inflating			
	□ Infant (240 cc)	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Child (500 cc)	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Adult (1000 cc)	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
2.	Masks to fit bag-mask device adaptor			
	□ Neonatal	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Infant	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Child	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Adult	E	2	□ Yes □ No
3.	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Device (CPAP)	D	1	□ Yes □ No



AIR	WAY/RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
4.	Chest tubes			
	☐ Infant (8.5 – 12 F) [at least one size in this range]	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	☐ Child (16 – 24 F) [at least one size in this range]	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	☐ Adult (28 – 40 F) [at least one size in this range]	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
5.	Endotracheal tubes (Cuffed Preferred)			
	Cuffed <u>or</u> Uncuffed			
	□ 2.5 mm	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 3.0 mm	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 3.5 mm	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 4.0 mm	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 4.5 mm	Е	2	□ Yes □ No



AIR	WAY/RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
	□ 5.0 mm	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 5.5 mm	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	Cuffed			
	□ 6.0 mm	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 6.5 mm	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 7.0 mm	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 7.5 mm	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 8.0 mm	E	2	□ Yes □ No
6.	Laryngoscope blades			
	Curved □ 2	E	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ 3	Е	1	□ Yes □ No



AIR	WAY/RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
	Straight □ 0	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ 1	E	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ 2	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ 3	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
7.	Laryngoscope Handle	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
8.	Nasal cannula			
	□ Infant	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Child	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Adult	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
9.	Feeding Tubes			
	□ 5 F	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ 8 F	E	1	□ Yes □ No



		Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Availa	able
10.	Nasopharyngeal Airways to include:				
	□ Infant	D	2	□ Yes	□ No
	□ Child	D	2	□ Yes	□ No
	□ Adult	D	2	□ Yes	□ No
11.	Nebulizer	E	2	□ Yes	□ No
12.	Oral airways	Е	1	□ Yes	□ No
	□ 00	Е	1	□ Yes	□ No
	□ 0	Е	1	□ Yes	□ No
	□ 1	Е	1	□ Yes	□ No
	□ 2	Е	1	□ Yes	□ No
	□ 3	Е	1	□ Yes	□ No
	□ 4	Е	1	□ Yes	□ No
	□ 5	Е	1	□ Yes	□ No



AIR	WAY/RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
13.	Clear oxygen masks (standard and nonrebreathing)			
	Standard			
	□ Infant	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Child	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Adult	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	Nonrebreathing			
	□ Infant	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Child	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Adult	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
14.	Magill Forceps to include			
	□ Pediatric	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ Adult	E	1	□ Yes □ No



AIR	WAY/RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
15.	Nasogastric tubes			
	Infant □ 5 F or 6 F	D	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 8 F	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	Child □ 10 F	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	Adult □ 14 F	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 16 F	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 18 F	E	2	□ Yes □ No
16.	Stylets (for endotracheal tubes)			
	□ Pediatric	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Adult	Е	2	□ Yes □ No



AIR	WAY/RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
17.	Suction catheters (flexible)			
	Infant □ 6 F	Е	4	□ Yes □ No
	□ 8 F	D	4	□ Yes □ No
	Child □ 10 F	Е	4	□ Yes □ No
	□ 12 F	D	4	□ Yes □ No
	Adult □ 18 F	Е	4	□ Yes □ No
18.	Tracheostomy tubes (Available within the hospital)			
	□ 2.5 mm	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 3.0 mm	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 3.5 mm	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 4.0 mm	Е	2	□ Yes □ No



AIR	WAY/RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
	□ 4.5 mm	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 5.0 mm	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ 5.5 mm	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
19.	Yankauer suction tip	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
20.	Laryngeal Mask Airway (LMA)	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ Size 1	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ Size 1.5	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ Size 2	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ Size 2.5	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ Size 3	E	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ Size 4	E	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ Size 5	E	1	□ Yes □ No



AIR	RWAY/RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
21.	Needle Cricothyrotomy Supplies	E	1	□ Yes □ No
22.	Surgical Cricothyrotomy Kit	E	1	□ Yes □ No



	NTINUING Education (At least ONE RN per shift must meet these fications.)	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
1.	Death of a child in Emergency Department/SIDS □ PALS; or □ ENPC	E	□ Yes □ No
2.	Cardiac care to include: Bradycardia, Ventricular Fibrillation/Pulseless Ventricular Tachycardia, Asystole/Pulseless Electrical Activity, and Narrow Complex Tachycardia □ ACLS; or □ ENPC; or □ PALS; or	E	□ Yes □ No
3.	Community, staff, and physician education programs in pediatric emergency care APLS; or ENPC; or PALS, or PEPP Hospital education for staff in pediatric patients and age specific/cultural diversity education may be hospital specific, trauma community or injury prevention.	E	□ Yes □ No
4.	Infectious Diseases □ ENPC; or □ PEPP; or □ Yearly Individual Infection Control Program (hospital specific)	D	□ Yes □ No



	NTINUING Education (At least ONE RN per shift must meet these ifications.)	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
5.	Neonatal resuscitation □ ENPC; or □ NRP; or □ In-hospital neonatal staff that responds to Emergency Department for imminent delivery.	D	□ Yes □ No
6.	Neurologic □ ENPC; or □ PALS; or □ TNCC	D	□ Yes □ No
7.	Organ donation □ ENPC; or □ TNCC; or □ Yearly Organ Procurement Organization (hospital specific)	D	□ Yes □ No
8.	Pediatric Advanced Life Support □ PALS	E	□ Yes □ No
9.	Pediatric Basic Life Support □ CPR	Е	□ Yes □ No



	NTINUING Education (At least ONE RN per shift must meet these fications.)	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
	Pediatric Interfacility transport, evaluation, and management □ ENPC, or		
10.	□ PALS, or □ TNCC; or	E	□ Yes □ No
	☐ Yearly Hospital protocols, policies, and transfer agreements (hospital specific)		
4.4	Poisoning	-	
11.	□ ENPC; or □ PALS	D	□ Yes □ No
12.	Respiratory to include:		
	Asthma/bronchiolitis		
	□ ENPC; or		
	□ PALS, or	E	□ Yes □ No
	□ PEPP		
	Croup		
	□ ENPC; or	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ PALS; or		



CONTINUING Education (At least ONE RN per shift must meet these qualifications.)	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
Epiglottitis		
□ ENPC; or	E	□ Yes □ No
□ PALS; or	_	2 100 2 110
□ PEPP		
Pneumonia		
□ ENPC; or	Е	□ Yes □ No
□ PALS		
Respiratory failure		
□ PALS, or		
□ PEARS; or	E	□ Voo □ No
□ PEPP; or		□ Yes □ No
□ TNCC; or		
□ ENPC		
Respiratory arrest		
□ PALS; or		
□ PEARS; or	E	□ Yes □ No
□ TNCC; or		
□ ENPC; or		
□ ACLS		



	CONTINUING Education (At least ONE RN per shift must meet these qualifications.)		Available
13.	Shock to include:		
	Dehydration/hypovolemic shock		
	□ ACLS; or □ ENPC; or		
	□ PALS; or	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ PEARS; or		
	□ PEPP; or		
	☐ TNCC		
	Septic shock		
	□ PALS; or	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ PEARS; or		
	□ ENPC		
	Cardiogenic shock		
	□ ENPC; or		
	□ PALS; or		
	□ PEARS; or	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ PEPP		



	NTINUING Education (At least ONE RN per shift must meet these fications.)	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
14.	Trauma to include:		
	Abdominal trauma/multi-trauma		
	□ ENPC; or		
	□ PALS; or	E	□ Yes □ No
	□ PEPP; or		
	Amputations/avulsions		
	□ ENPC; or	E	□ Yes □ No
	□ PALS; or		
	□ TNCC		
	Burns – cyanide poisoning		
	□ ENPC; or	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ PALS; or		
	□ TNCC		
	Burns – smoke inhalation		
	□ ENPC; or	E	□ Yes □ No
	□ PALS; or		
	□ TNCC		



CONTINUING Education (At least ONE RN per shift must meet these	Essential (E)	Available
qualifications.)	Desired (D)	
Chest Trauma □ ENPC; or □ PEPP; or	E	□ Yes □ No
Child abuse		
□ ENPC; or □ PEPP; or □ TNCC; or □ Yearly Hospital in-service program; or □ Other (Please List):	E	
Extremity fractures □ ENPC; or □ PEPP; or □ TNCC	E	□ Yes □ No
Head Trauma □ ENPC; or □ TNCC	E	□ Yes □ No



CONTINUING Education (At least ONE RN per shift must meet these qualifications.)	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
Sexual assault □ ENPC; or □ PEPP; or □ Hospital based SANE program with protocol for in-house response; or □ Yearly hospital in-service program; or □ Other (Please List):	Е	□ Yes □ No



EMER	GENCY DEPARTMENT SERVICES	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Availa	able
1.	24-hour operating room	D	□ Yes	□ No
2.	Helipad (on-site/on-campus)	D	□ Yes	□ No
3.	Transfer guidelines and agreements (are capable of evaluating, managing, and transferring)	E	□ Yes	□ No
4.	Pre-hospital education program offerings	D	□ Yes	□ No
5.	Telemedicine: Capability with pediatric regional referral center.	Recommended	□ Yes	□ No



IMN	MOBILIZATION	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available			
1.	Extremity splints						
	Femur splints						
	□ Child	E	1	□ Yes □ No			
	□ Adult	E	1	□ Yes □ No			
2.	Pediatric restraining devices (i.e. Papoose Board or other appropriate restraint device)	Е	1	□ Yes □ No			
3.	Spinal stabilization devices appropriate for children of all age	es					
4.	Rigid Cervical Collars						
	□ Infant	E	2	□ Yes □ No			
	□ Pediatric	E	2	□ Yes □ No			
	□ Adult	E	2	□ Yes □ No			
	Long Spine Board	Е	2	□ Yes □ No			



LABORATORY SERVICES		Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
1.	24-hour basic clinical Lab (including techniques for small sample sizes)	E	□ Yes	□ No
	□ Microsampling Capability	E	□ Yes	□ No



MISCELLANEOUS		Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available	
1.	Weight scale locked in kilograms (not pounds)	Е	N/A	□ Yes □ No	
2.	External heat source must include each of the following:				
	□ Blanket warmer	Е	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ Infrared lamps	Е	1	□ Yes □ No	
	☐ Overhead warmer (Available within the hospital)	E	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ Bair Hugger	D	1	□ Yes □ No	
3.	Medication chart, tape, or other system to ensure ready access to information on proper per kilogram doses for resuscitation drugs and equipment sizes #	Е	1	□ Yes □ No	
	Type your facility uses:				
	□ Broselow® Pediatric Emergency Tape® (Current Edition)				
	□ Pedi-Wheel®				
	□ Other (please indicate):				



MIS	SCELLANEOUS	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Availak	ole
4.	Clean linen/sterile gauze (available within hospital for burn care)	E	N/A	□ Yes ।	□ No
5.	Pediatric Gowns	E	5	□ Yes □	□ No
6.	Syringes				
	□ 1cc	E	5	□ Yes ।	□ No
	□ 3 cc	E	5	□ Yes ।	□ No
	□ 10 cc	E	5	□ Yes ।	□ No



MONITORING/ASSESSMENT		Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available	
1.	Blood pressure cuffs				
	□ Neonatal	Е	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ Infant	E	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ Child	E	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ Adult	E	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ Thigh	Е	1	□ Yes □ No	
2.	Cardiopulmonary monitoring with pediatric capability (Monitors)	E	1	□ Yes □ No	
3.	Central venous catheters				
	□ 4F	D	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ 5 F	D	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ 7 F	D	1	□ Yes □ No	



MONITORING/ASSESSMENT		Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available	
4.	Doppler ultrasonography devices	D	1	□ Yes □ No	
5.	Electrocardiography monitor/defibrillator with pediatric and adult capabilities including pediatric pads.	Е	1	□ Yes □ No	
6.	End-tidal CO2 Detection Device	E	1	□ Yes □ No	
7.	Wave Form Capnography	D	1	□ Yes □ No	
8.	Monitor Electrodes				
	□ Pediatric	E	N/A	□ Yes □ No	
	□ Adult	E	N/A	□ Yes □ No	
9.	Pulse oximeter with sensors				
	□ Neonatal	Е	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ Infant	Е	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ Child	E	1	□ Yes □ No	



MC	NITORING/ASSESSMENT	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
	□ Adult	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
10.	Thermometer Suitable for hypothermic and hyperthermic measurements with temperature capability from 25° to 44° C.	E	1	□ Yes □ No



	IATRIC RESUSCITATION MEDICATIONS OR ROVED ALTERNATIVES	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
1.	Atropine (At a minimum pediatric formulation 0.05 mg/ml)	Е	□ Yes □ No
2.	Adenosine	Е	□ Yes □ No
3.	Amiodarone	Е	□ Yes □ No
4.	Antiemetic agents	Е	□ Yes □ No
5.	Calcium	E	□ Yes □ No
6.	Dextrose		
	□ D10W	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ D50W	Е	□ Yes □ No
	☐ Sterile Water (To permit D25 dilution)	Е	□ Yes □ No
8.	Lidocaine	Е	□ Yes □ No
9.	Magnesium sulfate	Е	□ Yes □ No
10.	Naloxone hydrochloride	Е	□ Yes □ No



	IATRIC RESUSCITATION MEDICATIONS OR ROVED ALTERNATIVES	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
11.	Sodium bicarbonate		
	□ 4.2%	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ 8.4%	Е	□ Yes □ No
12.	Activated charcoal (mixed with water)	Е	□ Yes □ No
13.	Analgesics		
	□ Topical	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ Oral	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ Parenteral	Е	□ Yes □ No
14.	Antimicrobial agents (including cefotaxime or gentamicin)	
	□ Parenteral	Е	□ Yes □ No



	ATRIC RESUSCITATION MEDICATIONS OR ROVED ALTERNATIVES	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
15.	Anticonvulsants medications		
	□ Levetiracetam (Keppra)	D	□ Yes □ No
	□ Lorazepam	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ Fosphenytoin or Phenytoin	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ Phenobarbital	E	□ Yes □ No
	□ Diazepam	Е	□ Yes □ No
16.	Antidotes (common antidotes should be accessible to the	Emergency Departmen	t.)
	N-acetylcysteine		
	□ Oral	D	□ Yes □ No
	□ IV	Е	□ Yes □ No
	Fomepizol	Е	□ Yes □ No



	ATRIC RESUSCITATION MEDICATIONS OR ROVED ALTERNATIVES	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
17.	Antipyretic drugs		
	Acetaminophen		
	□ Suspension	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ Tablets	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ Suppository	Е	□ Yes □ No
	Ibuprofen		
	□ Suspension	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ Tablets	Е	□ Yes □ No
	Bronchodilators		
18.	□ Albuterol	E	□ Yes □ No
	□ Racemic Epinephrine	E	□ Yes □ No
19.	Corticosteroids	E	□ Yes □ No



	ATRIC RESUSCITATION MEDICATIONS OR ROVED ALTERNATIVES	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
	Inotropic/Vasopressor agents		
20.	□ Epinephrine	Е	□ Yes □ No
20.	□ Dopamine	Е	□ Yes □ No
	☐ Milrinone	D	□ Yes □ No
21.	Intravenous solutions to include:		
	□ normal saline	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ dextrose 5% in normal saline	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ dextrose 10% in water	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ 3% sodium chloride	D	□ Yes □ No
22.	Neuromuscular blockers	Е	□ Yes □ No
	Short acting:		
	□ Succinylcholine	D	□ Yes □ No
	Long acting:		
	□ Rocuronium or Vecuronium	Е	□ Yes □ No



	IATRIC RESUSCITATION MEDICATIONS OR ROVED ALTERNATIVES	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
23.	Pediatric Dosing Handbook	Е	□ Yes □ No
24.	Sedatives	E	□ Yes □ No
25.	Mannitol	D	□ Yes □ No
26.	Vaccines		
	□ Rabies (Access to)	E	□ Yes □ No
	□ Tetanus	Е	□ Yes □ No



PEF	PERSONNEL		Available
1.	Designated Physician Director Medical Director of the emergency department, responsible for quality of care of the patients. Maintains quality improvement and continuing education programs for staff. Interacts with hospital to maintain quality and availability of essential emergency services.	E	□ Yes □ No
2.	Emergency Physician In-house physician with commitment to the care of the critically ill or injured child present in ED 24 hours per day. This may be fulfilled by a physician assistant with immediately available physician back-up.	E	□ Yes □ No



PEF	RSONNEL	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
3.	Physicians Available On-Call for Consultation (Must be capa department within 20 minutes)	able of respondir	ng to the emergency
	□ Pediatrician or Family Practice Physician with expertise and experience in the care of children or guideline for obtaining consultation with regional pediatric referral center.	Е	□ Yes □ No
	□ General Surgeon	D	□ Yes □ No
	□ Anesthesiologist	D	□ Yes □ No
	□ Gynecologist	D	□ Yes □ No
	□ Orthopedic Surgeon	D	□ Yes □ No
	□ Radiologist	D	□ Yes □ No
4.	Licensed Pharmacist On-Call	D	□ Yes □ No
5.	Nursing		
	Director of Nursing/Chief Nursing Officer	Е	□ Yes □ No
	Director of Emergency Nursing/ED Nurse Manager	Е	□ Yes □ No
	One Nurse per shift with PALS or ENA Pediatric Emergency Nursing Course (ENPC)Completed/Current	E	□ Yes □ No



PEF	RSONNEL	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
6.	Other		
	Clinical Social Worker on-call	Recommended	□ Yes □ No
	Pastoral care provider on-call	Recommended	□ Yes □ No



POL	LICIES, PROCEDURES, AND/OR PROTOCOLS	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
1.	ED Pediatric Triage addressing ill and injured children	E	□ Yes □ No
2.	ED Pediatric Patient Assessment and Reassessment	Е	□ Yes □ No
3.	Immunization Assessment and Management of the Under- immunized Child	E	□ Yes □ No
4.	Child Maltreatment and Domestic Violence Reporting	E	□ Yes □ No
5.	Death of the Child in the Emergency Department	E	□ Yes □ No
6.	Reduced-dose radiation for CT and x-ray imaging based on pediatric age or weight	E	□ Yes □ No
7.	Family-Centered ED Care (e.g., family presence, family involvement in clinical decision making, education, D/C planning and instructions, etc.)	D	□ Yes □ No



POL	LICIES, PROCEDURES, AND/OR PROTOCOLS	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
8.	Hospital disaster plan addressing issues specific to the care and safety of children	E	□ Yes □ No
9.	Hospital care for children with social and mental health issues	D	□ Yes □ No
10.	Written guidelines for the transfer of children with social and mental health issues to an appropriate facility policy	D	□ Yes □ No
11.	Emergency Department staff trained on the location of all pediatric equipment and medication	E	□ Yes □ No
12.	Daily method for the proper location and function of pediatric supplies and equipment and method for restocking after use	E	□ Yes □ No
13.	Emergency Department restocking and evaluating medication expiration dates.	E	□ Yes □ No
14.	Procedure and codes for child abduction alert in your facility	E	□ Yes □ No



POL	LICIES, PROCEDURES, AND/OR PROTOCOLS	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
15.	Guidelines for referring children or their laboratory specimens to an appropriate facility when the capability of the hospital is exceeded.	E	□ Yes □ No
16.	Policy for obtaining and transfusing blood products in pediatric patients (Less than 20 kg)	Е	□ Yes □ No
17.	Pediatric pain management protocol including time to treat.	Ш	□ Yes □ No
18.	Policy regarding Pediatric Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders.	E	□ Yes □ No



QUA	ALITY ASSURANCE/PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Available
1.	Structured Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement program/process for the pediatric population (Written Policy and Procedures)	E	□ Yes □ No
2.	Review of all pediatric deaths	Е	□ Yes □ No
3.	Review of all pediatric incident reports	E	□ Yes □ No
4.	Multidisciplinary trauma and resuscitation conferences	D	□ Yes □ No
5.	Participate in Trauma registry	D	□ Yes □ No
6.	Review of all Emergency Department readmits 48 hour	D	□ Yes □ No
7.	Review of pediatric transports and pre-hospital care	D	□ Yes □ No



RA	RADIOLOGY		Available				
MED	MEDICAL IMAGING CAPABILITY						
1.	A documented process for referring pediatrics to appropriate facilities for necessary radiologic procedures when medical capabilities are unavailable (Policy can be covered through interagency agreements/guidelines).	E	□ Yes □ No				
2.	Computed Tomography (CT Scan)	D	□ Yes □ No				
3.	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	Recommended	□ Yes □ No				
4.	Radiography (X-ray)						
	□ Bone	Е	□ Yes □ No				
	□ Chest	Е	□ Yes □ No				
5.	Ultrasound Capabilities	D	□ Yes □ No				
	Ability to transmit/transfer radiographic images to referring center						
6.	☐ Electronic (i.e. Image Grid)	D	□ Yes □ No				
	☐ Hard copy disk	D	□ Yes □ No				



SPE	CIALIZED PEDIATRIC KIT/TRAY	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
1.	Lumbar puncture – Spinal Needle (may be inside the lumb	ar puncture tray	y)	
	□ 20G –1 ½ length	D	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ 20G – 2 ½ Length	D	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ 22G – 1 ½ Length	E	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ 22G – 2 ½ or 3 ½ Length	Ш	1	□ Yes □ No
2.	2. Newborn Delivery kit including equipment for resuscitation of an infant			
	□ Bulb syringe	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ Meconium aspirator	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ Scissors	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ Towels	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	□ Umbilical clamp	Е	1	□ Yes □ No
	☐ Umbilical vessel cannulation supplies	E	1	□ Yes □ No



SPE	CIALIZED PEDIATRIC KIT/TRAY	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available	
3.	Obstetric pack (to include all of the following items)				
	☐ Baby Blanket (for drying)	Ш	2	□ Yes □ No	
	□ Bulb Syringe	Ш	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ Cord Clamps	Ш	2	□ Yes □ No	
	□ Sterile Scalpel	Е	1	□ Yes □ No	
4.	Tube thoracotomy tray	Е	1	□ Yes □ No	
5.	Water seal drainage capability	E	1	□ Yes □ No	
6.	6. Urinary catheterization with pediatric Foley catheters				
	□ 6F or □ 8F	E	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ 10F or □ 12F	E	1	□ Yes □ No	
	□ 14F or □ 16F	Е	1	□ Yes □ No	
7.	Venous cutdown	D	1	□ Yes □ No	



VAS	CULAR ACCESS	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
1.	Arm boards (Pediatric)	E	2	□ Yes □ No
2.	Butterfly needles			
	□ 19 g or □ 21 g	D	N/A	□ Yes □ No
	□ 23 g	D	N/A	□ Yes □ No
	□ 25 g	D	N/A	□ Yes □ No
3.	Catheter-over-needle devices			
	□ 14 g	E	N/A	□ Yes □ No
	□ 16 g	E	N/A	□ Yes □ No
	□ 18 g	E	N/A	□ Yes □ No
	□ 20 g	E	N/A	□ Yes □ No
	□ 22 g	E	N/A	□ Yes □ No
	□ 24 g	Е	N/A	□ Yes □ No



VAS	SCULAR ACCESS	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
4.	Central venous access kit (with pediatric catheters)	D	N/A	□ Yes □ No
5.	Infusion Device/Pump	E	2	□ Yes □ No
6.	Intraosseous Access Equipment:			
	Infant	E	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Manual Intraosseous Needle			
	□ EZ-IO® Intraosseous Infusion System			
	□ Other (please indicate)			
	Adult	Е	2	□ Yes □ No
	□ Manual Intraosseous Needle			
	□ EZ-IO® Intraosseous Infusion System			
	□ Other (please indicate)			
7.	Intravenous fluid/blood warmers	E	1	□ Yes □ No



VAS	SCULAR ACCESS	Essential (E) Desired (D)	Minimum Quantity Necessary	Available
8.	Syringes			
	□ 1cc	Е	5	□ Yes □ No
	□ 3 cc	Е	5	□ Yes □ No
	□ 10 cc	Е	5	□ Yes □ No



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