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## Does your EMS agency have a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator?

A Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) is an individual or individuals who are responsible for coordinating pediatric specific activities. This designated individual need not be dedicated solely to this role; it can be an individual already in place who assumes this role as part of their existing duties.

The individual may be a member of your agency, or work at a county or region level and serve more than one agency. The PECC does not make commitments or decisions on behalf of the agency, but they disseminate information within the organization as appropriate and serve as a liaison between their agency, hospitals, other emergency services, and KYEMSC.

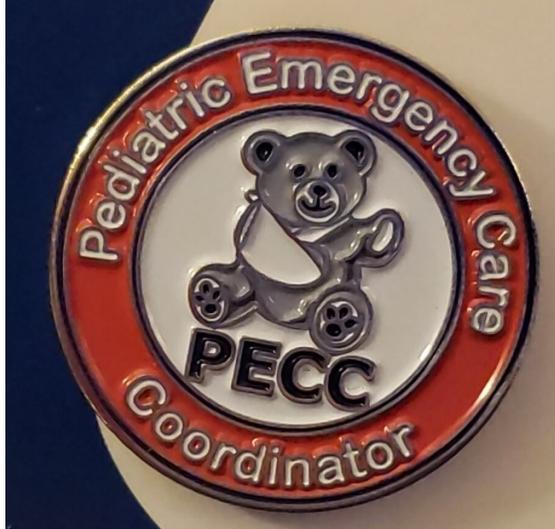
There is a growing body of evidence that the presence of a PECC in both hospital EDs and EMS agencies leads to improved pediatric readiness. Individuals serving as the PECC will have opportunities to collaborate with the KYEMSC Program, pediatric subject matter experts, and other agency PECCs in order to aid their agency's operational and clinical leadership with pediatric quality improvement efforts.

The PECC may be responsible for:

- Being the initial point of contact between the KYEMSC Program and the agency;
- Promoting and sharing pediatric continuing education opportunities;
- Advocating for the availability of pediatric medications, equipment, and supplies;
- Encouraging pediatric simulations/hands-on pediatric skills assessments;
- Promoting agency participation in prevention efforts and community outreach;
- Collaborating with other ED and EMS PECCs; and
- Engaging in quality improvement activities

KYEMSC received additional funds last year to work specifically on increasing the number of EMS agencies with a designated PECC. As of October 2019, **51%** of ground services in Kentucky have a designated PECC.

If your agency does not have a designated PECC and you are interested in filling this role, please discuss it with your agency leadership. Anyone can be a PECC. While advanced skills, experience, and teaching credentials are helpful, the most important qualities of a PECC are good communication skills and a desire to improve pediatric care!



*This lapel pin is being issued by KYEMSC to the designated PECC as a small token of appreciation for serving as the pediatric champion for their organization.*

Contact [morgan.saggs@kctcs.edu](mailto:morgan.saggs@kctcs.edu) for more information or have your Director/Chief submit the PECC Designation Form.

[PECC Designation Form](#)

## **Pediatricians, Emergency Physicians and Nurses Create Joint Recommendations to Ensure Injured and Critically Ill Children Receive the Best Emergency Care** (Update of the *Guidelines for Care of Children in the ED*)

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) will publish the updated joint guidelines, "Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department," that recommend ways health care providers can make sure every injured or critically ill child receives the best care possible.

The joint policy statement, to be published in the November 2018 issue of Pediatrics, represents a revision of the 2009 policy statement and highlights recent advances in pediatric emergency care that may be incorporated into all emergency departments that care for children. The statement (published Nov. 1 online) emphasizes the importance of evidence-based guidelines and includes additional recommendations for quality improvement plans focusing on children and disaster preparedness.

"Children have unique needs that are heightened during serious or life-threatening emergencies," said Colleen Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP, President of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "It's imperative that all hospitals have the medications, equipment, policies, resources, education and training, and capable staff to provide effective emergency care for children of all ages."

As many as 83 percent of children in need of emergency care go to a community emergency department versus a pediatric emergency department.

Although many EMS agencies have been longstanding members, with the newly released "2017-2" The joint recommendations help improve and standardize care delivery for children of all ages in the emergency department, create best practice benchmarks for emergency departments and strengthen pediatric patient safety efforts," said Vidor Friedman, MD, FACEP, president of ACEP.

AAP, ACEP and ENA are longstanding partners in the shared effort to optimize high-quality, family-centered care of children in emergency departments. In 2013, the groups collaborated with the federal EMS for Children Program, to launch the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) to ensure pediatric readiness of emergency departments.

"The delivery of pediatric care should reflect an awareness of unique pediatric patient safety concerns. ENA, AAP and ACEP are working together to maintain and improve the quality of care that pediatric patients receive in hospitals and emergency departments. These updated recommendations are intended to serve as a resource for clinical and administrative leadership of emergency departments as they

According to the 2014 National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, there were approximately 5,000 emergency departments in the United States. Of the more than 141 million emergency department visits, an estimated 20 percent were for children younger than 15 years.

strive to improve their readiness for children of all ages,” said ENA President Jeff Solheim, MSN, RN, CEN, TCRN, CFRN, FAEN, FAAN.

## Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department

Katherine Remick, Marianne Gausche-Hill, Madeline M. Joseph, Kathleen Brown, Sally K. Snow, Joseph L. Wright, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Section on Surgery, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee, EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION Pediatric Committee

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## Consensus-based Criterion Standard for the Identification of Pediatric Patients Who Need Emergency Medical Services Transport to a Hospital with Higher-level Pediatric Resources

Emergency medical services (EMS) providers must be able to identify the most appropriate destination facility when treating children with potentially severe medical illnesses. Currently, no validated tool exists to assist EMS providers in identifying children who need transport to a hospital with higher-level pediatric care. For such a tool to be developed, a criterion standard needs to be defined that identifies children who received higher-level pediatric medical care.

A national expert panel developed a 13-item consensus-based criterion standard definition for identifying children with medical complaints who need the resources of a hospital equipped to provide higher-level pediatric services. This criterion standard will allow us to create a tool to improve pediatric patient care by assisting EMS providers in identifying the most appropriate destination facility for ill children.

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**Go to [pedsready.org](https://pedsready.org) for more information on the June 2020 NPRP Re-assessment!**

National **PRP** Pediatric Readiness Project  
Ensuring Emergency Care for All Children



Please return in **June 2020** for the next national assessment!  
Participate in the **largest initiative** to improve the readiness of  
emergency departments to care for children in the United States!  
In the meantime... you can help by doing the following:



1. Bookmark this page (CTRL/CMD + D)
2. Download the 2018 guidelines
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**Select Your State/Territory:**

To start the QI Assessment, select your State/Territory from the dropdown, click "Get Started."

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## EMS News in the state of Kentucky



### AAP influenza immunization recommendations revised for 2019-'20 season

AAP advises all families to vaccinate their children against influenza with either the flu shot or the nasal vaccine for the best protection against the virus during the upcoming 2019-'20 influenza season.

[Read the article on AAP Publications!](#)



### EMS coordination: Why every EMS agency needs a stronger safety culture

A strong patient safety culture has the greatest impact on reducing adverse incidents and harm to patients.

September 3, 2019

[Read the article on EMS1.com](#)

## AAP Releases “E-Cigarettes Need Stronger Regulations to Prevent Youth Access and Use”



The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recently released a statement that calls for immediate federal intervention to restrict the marketing and sales of e-cigarettes to youth. According to the National Youth Tobacco survey, nearly 21% of high school students and 5% of middle school students have reported having used an e-cigarette within the past 30 days.

The nicotine found in the e-cigarettes is not only addictive, but can also have damaging long-term effects on the adolescent brain and is also linked to other adverse health outcomes.

The AAP recommends:

- The FDA should act immediately to regulate e-cigarettes and ban the sale of the products to anyone under the age of 21.
- Efforts should be made to reduce the youth demand of these products, by banning the appealing flavors (mint, mango, fruit medley).
- Pediatricians should screen adolescent patients for e-cigarette use and counsel the effects of using nicotine products.

View the full statement [HERE](#)

**“It took decades to raise awareness of the deadly effects of smoking and tobacco use. Today, we know that e-cigarettes are dangerous for children and teens. We have a chance to protect this generation, but we need to act now.”**

*- Brian P. Jenssen*

*Primary Care Pediatrician*

*Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*

## Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Educational Opportunities

# THE KENTUCKY PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE COALITION

Save the date for the fourth annual meeting of the Kentucky Pediatric Emergency Care Coalition (KPECC), a voluntary and collaborative effort to improve emergency medical care for children. We need everyone, from our children's hospitals to our community and critical access hospitals, along with other partners, working together so that we can improve the care our children received when it matters most.

Join us as we work together to raise the bar on pediatric readiness in the ED, to include pediatric metrics in our QI programs, to increase capacity and disaster preparedness to address pediatric issues, and ultimately... to decrease morbidity and mortality for ill and injured children.

We would like to see every hospital join the Kentucky Pediatric Emergency Care Coalition at our fourth annual meeting on March 4, 2020, at the KCTCS System Office in Versailles, KY.

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DATE

## March 4, 2020

8 am to 4 pm @  
KCTCS System Office  
300 North Main Street  
Versailles, KY 40383

*No registration fee!  
Lunch and CEs provided.*

### Who should attend?

Every hospital is invited to participate. ED Nurse Managers, ED Medical Directors or Physicians, and providers working with QI Programs and/or Trauma Programs would be excellent representatives, but anyone with a special interest in emergency pediatric care is welcome.

### More info to come:

Our agenda and other details are still in development, but we wanted you to know now so you can save the date!

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## Lake Cumberland Healthcare Symposium August 19-21, 2020

[Find more information HERE!](#)

Continuing Education Units provided to: EMR / EMT / AEMT / Paramedic / LPN / RN / RT / Firefighter

Lake Cumberland State Park

5465 State Park Road

Jamestown, KY 42629

Since 1990 the Kentucky EMS Conference and Expo has been the largest continuous EMS conference in Kentucky state history. Presented by the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association, the conference brings all EMS groups together with the common goal of presenting our EMS providers with the best EMS education available in the state.

[Schedule and Registration Information](#)

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Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.



More than **half** of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles



More than **1/3** of home decoration fires are started by candles.



The top 3 days for home candle fires are **Christmas Day, New Year's Day and New Year's Eve.**



Keep candles at least **12 inches** away from anything that burns.



Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are dangerous.

On average, **1 of every 45** reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in death.



A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes **1 in every 4** winter fires.



Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



Make sure your tree is **at least 3 feet away** from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).

Download this infographic and other safety tip sheets at [U.S. Fire Administration](http://U.S. Fire Administration).

**On behalf of the Emergency Medical Services for Children, we wish everyone a safe and relaxing Holiday season!**

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