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Changes to the Representative Thomas J Burch Safe Infant Act

Last month, we told you about changes to the Safe Infant Act. The most significant change is an increase in the length of time a parent has to surrender an infant. The previous time allowance was 72 hours and now parents have 30 days from the birth to safely and anonymously surrender the infant.

Now you can find the updated EMS power point and the full legislative changes on the KBEMS [website](#).

Epinephrine Label Change Effective May 1, 2016

Farewell to ratio expressions on single entity drug labels in the United States

On May 1, 2016 ratio expressions will no longer be allowed on single entity drug products.

The changes will only affect single entity drug products:



For example, EPINEPHrine 1:1,000 injection (above image) will only be displayed as 1 mg/mL.

Other examples include:

- EPINEPHrine 1:10,000 will be expressed as 0.1 mg/mL.
- Isoproterenol 1:5,000 injection will be expressed as 0.2 mg/mL.
- Neostigmine 1:1,000 injection will be expressed as 1 mg/mL.

Ratio expressions for EPINEPHrine in local anesthetic products will be retained because a decimal notation for such a low strength could easily be misread.



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Labeling the concentration of epinephrine as a ratio is now a thing of the past. Epi previously labeled 1/1,000 will now be labeled 1 mg/ml and 1/10,000 will be 0.1 mg/ml.

For more information:

Study abstract: [Medication errors in prehospital management of simulated pediatric anaphylaxis](#)

Pharmacy Times article: [Medication Safety Win: No More Epinephrine Ratio Expressions](#)

EMS1 article: [Epi label change will cut medication errors](#)

EMS1 article: [Why changing epinephrine label from ratio expression to mass dose won't eliminate errors](#)



Role of School Nurses in Providing School Health Services

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released a policy statement in the May 2016 issue of Pediatrics that describes the crucial aspects of the school nurse's role, its relationship to pediatric practice, and recommendations to facilitate productive working relationships benefiting all school-aged children and adolescents.

Although the concept of school nurses has existed for more than a century, standardization between districts regarding the role of a registered nurse professional, as well as the laws governing such efforts across the county, are lacking. Moreover, the increasing number of children with special health care needs and children with chronic diseases in the school setting requires the knowledge and training of registered professional school nurses.

For more information, please visit the AAP [website](#).



Vehicular Hyperthermia Continues to Claim Young Lives

On average, 37 children die annually from heatstroke related to motor vehicles. 2016 has already reached an unusually high number for this time of year. As of 6/10/2016, 11 children have lost their lives under these tragic circumstances.

So many people have trouble understanding how this happens and falsely believe it could never happen to them. Raising awareness is one of the best measures to prevent this from happening. There is a Pulitzer-winning article, written in 2010, that helps explain this issue. Please read, "[Fatal Distraction: Forgetting a Child in the Backseat of a Car Is a Horrifying Mistake. Is It a Crime?](#)"

For more information:

Safekids.org

Noheatstroke.org

KidsAndCars.org facebook page

2016 Kentucky Statewide Trauma & Emergency Medicine Symposium



Save the date: 2016 KY Statewide Trauma & Emergency Medicine Symposium

The 2016 Kentucky Statewide Trauma & Emergency Medicine Symposium will be held at the Campbell House in Lexington, KY, on October 26-28.

Target audience includes physicians, nurses, EMS providers, and others.

Excellent opportunity to earn continuing education.

Information on registration will be available soon!



Looking for Continuing Education?

The KYEMSC Project has sponsored a FREE 3-hour online course on Pediatric Assessment for current Kentucky EMS providers.

The course is CECBEMS approved and is offered through Medic-CE, an asynchronous, computer-based, distance learning program. Continuing education credit can be used to meet requirements for Kentucky certification, as well as National Registry, within the limits allowed for this type of training.

The number of "seats" for this course is limited and will be provided on a first-come basis. In order to receive complete instructions on how to take advantage of this opportunity, individual providers will need to log into their KEMSIS account and submit a brief application for the course. Once the request is submitted, the participant will have 90 days to complete the program.

Instructions: Sign into your KEMSIS account and select →Applications, →View My Applications, and →Apply Now to complete the KYEMSC Pediatric Assessment Medic-CE application. You will receive additional instructions via email on how to set up an account with Medic-CE and access the course.

If you have questions regarding this program, utilize the contact information below.

KID STUFF Presents Monthly Pediatric Topics



Pediatric patients are counted among the scariest patients by many health care providers. Why is that? Some of the reasons include the fact that children can't always tell you what is wrong, that vital signs and medication dosages differ from adult norms, and perhaps scariest of all...children may look okay when they are actually in distress because they are very good at compensating.

With each issue, we will include a handout on a pediatric topic. This is intended to be an informative review, but in no way does it replace or supersede the guidelines and protocols established by your medical director or agency.

[Click here for this month's info on Pediatric Vital Signs.](#)

Contact Info for KYEMS for Children

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