

California Pediatric Readiness Project Survey

The California Pediatric Readiness Project Survey, sponsored by a partnership between the California EMS Authority, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and the National EMS-C Data Analysis and Resource Center (NEDARC), will roll out on January 2, 2012. An earlier rollout in December was cancelled due to technical issues.

Background data gathered before the survey showed that more than 80% of children are seen in non-children's hospital EDs. 50% of these hospitals see fewer than 10 pediatric patients per day. Only 6% of the hospitals have all the recommended pediatric equipment. Factors associated with lack of equipment availability include low percentage of pediatric visits, lack of an on-call pediatrician, and lack of a PALS-trained MD. And only 50% of hospitals without a PICU have written transfer agreements with those that do.

The survey itself is a confidential, online survey. It is based on the 2009 National Guidelines for the Care of Children in the ED. It focuses on seven areas:

1. Administration/Coordination
2. Healthcare providers
3. Quality Improvement
4. Patient Safety
5. Policies, Procedures and Protocols
6. Support Services
7. Equipment, Supplies and Medications.

Incentives to take the survey include a chance to do a pediatric self-assessment of your facility with immediate feedback. The results will establish a benchmark for pediatric readiness by comparing hospitals with similar pediatric volumes. Individualized gap-analysis will be possible to assist with meeting accreditation goals. Each department that takes the survey will be given a Broselow tape and a one-year subscription to PEMSsoft, an online pediatric decision and support tool developed at UCSF.

Only one survey per facility, but anyone at the facility can fill it out, and they can get help from anyone with expertise.

After January 2, you can find the survey at:

www.pedsready.org

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