



Maryland Pediatric Readiness Emergency Department Champion Job Description

Pediatric ED Nurse Champion



Pediatric Readiness ED Nurse Champion: Position Summary

The Pediatric Readiness ED Champion is a member of a hospital or free standing Emergency Department who is passionate about the care and treatment of pediatric patients (0-18 years of age). The Champion is responsible for the coordination of pediatric specific activities. The individual serving in the position of the Champion does not need to be dedicated solely to this role; the roles and responsibilities may be assumed as part of their existing duties. Pediatric Readiness ED Champions include a nurse and physician partnership.

Roles for the Pediatric Readiness ED Nurse Champion: (Note: each Champion and ED will identify only 2 roles in the first year and additional roles as appropriate in partnership with hospital organizational structure)

- ☞ Offer or promote pediatric continuing education opportunities
- ☞ Encourage use of current hospital policies and guidelines to provide care to children
- ☞ Encourage a team approach to provide appropriate family centered care
- ☞ Promote appropriate and competent use of pediatric equipment and medications
- ☞ Participates in ED pediatric QA/ QI / PI activities
- ☞ Liaisons, in partnership with Base Station Coordinator, with the Pediatric EMS Champion in the Jurisdiction and /or Region
- ☞ Promote family & pediatric disaster preparedness in the community and in the hospital
- ☞ Disseminate pediatric injury prevention and health promotion programs provide by Maryland EMSC and other state agencies or national organizations

Pediatric Readiness ED Nurse Champion: Position requirements & requests

- Registered Nurse (RN) who has a special interest, knowledge, and skills in emergency care of children
- Participates in minimum of 2 of the Pediatric ED Champions Forums hosted by the Maryland EMS for Children Department (held virtually every quarter)
- Attends one annual training & networking meeting offered by the Maryland EMS for Children Department every other year (held in person and offered annually)

Topics to be discussed by these Champions as we develop a network:

- Number of EDs one champion might cover within a system (2 is the most recommended)*
- Teams of champions within a hospital system*
- Regional versus state meetings / forums*