



Maryland Pediatric Readiness Emergency Department Champion Role Description



Pediatric Readiness ED Physician 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 Physician 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)

- ✦ Serves as liaison, with Nurse Champion, to promote pediatric continuing education opportunities for in hospital and out of hospital clinicians
- ✦ 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 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 pediatric disaster preparedness in the community and in the hospital

Pediatric Readiness ED Physician Champion: Position requirements & requests

- Licensed Maryland Physician who has a special interest, knowledge, and skills in emergency care of children (EM, PEM, or combination of EM & Peds training)
- Participates in the Pediatric ED Forums hosted by the Maryland EMS for Children Department, Maryland AAP COPEM, or Maryland ACEP Pediatric Committee
- Attends one training & networking meeting offered by the Maryland EMS for Children Department at least every other year

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*