



Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department

This checklist is based on the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), and Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) 2018 joint policy statement **"Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department."** Use this tool to check if your hospital emergency department (ED) has the most critical components listed in the joint policy statement.

ED Policies, Procedures, and Protocols

Policies, procedures, and protocols for the emergency care of children. *These policies may be integrated into overall ED policies as long as pediatric-specific issues are addressed.*

- ☐ Illness and injury triage
- ☐ Pediatric patient assessment and reassessment
- ☐ Identification and notification of the responsible provider of abnormal pediatric vital signs
- ☐ Immunization assessment and management of the under-immunized patient
- ☐ Sedation and analgesia, for procedures including medical imaging
- ☐ Consent, including when parent or legal guardian is not immediately available
- ☐ Social and behavioral health issues
- ☐ Physical or chemical restraint of patients
- ☐ Child maltreatment reporting and assessment
- ☐ Death of the child in the ED
- ☐ Do not resuscitate (DNR) orders
- ☐ Children with special health care needs
- ☐ Family and guardian presence during all aspects of emergency care, including resuscitation
- ☐ Patient, family, guardian, and caregiver education
- ☐ Discharge planning and instruction
- ☐ Bereavement counseling
- ☐ Communication with the patient's medical home or primary care provider as needed
- ☐ Telehealth and telecommunications

