

Does your ED have a PECC?

Pediatric emergency care coordinators (PECCs) are essential to improving outcomes for children in emergencies.

What is a PECC?

PECCs are pediatric champions who help ensure emergency departments (EDs) are “Pediatric Ready” by coordinating adherence to national guidelines on pediatric emergency care.¹

Why is the role important?

The presence of PECCs in the ED is tied to significant increases in Pediatric Readiness.² High levels of Pediatric Readiness in EDs are associated with up to 76% lower mortality risk in children.³

What does the PECC role involve?

- EDs should have both a nurse and physician or advanced practice provider (APP) PECC.
- If resources are limited, PECC duties can be shared by multiple individuals working together.
- Pediatric expertise is not required. You simply need a passion for pediatric care.
- Individuals do not need to be solely dedicated to the PECC role and can have other responsibilities.
- Ideally, PECCs have a set job description, support from administration, and protected time.

Who recommends having a PECC?

- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American College of Emergency Physicians
- American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma
- Emergency Medical Services for Children Program
- Emergency Nurses Association
- National Academy of Medicine



All EDs should have both nurse and physician/APP PECCs.

What does a PECC do?

PECCs help ensure Pediatric Readiness across seven areas of focus. Example responsibilities include:

- Establishing and maintaining pediatric-specific policies and protocols, such as always obtaining a full set of pediatric vital signs
- Ensuring staff maintain pediatric competencies through resources, education, and/or simulation
- Tracking pediatric equipment and supplies and orienting staff to where they are located and how to use them
- Collaborating with the ED quality team to include pediatric measures in the quality improvement plan
- Maintaining a relationship with your state Emergency Medical Services for Children Program



You can become a PECC

- Talk to your ED leadership about establishing PECCs
- Access PECC resources, including a learning module series, via emscimprovement.center/domains/pecc

For references, visit <https://bit.ly/EDPECCref>

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