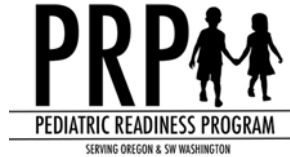


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Nurse & Physician Pediatric Champion Newsletter



New PECARN Clinical Decision Rule!

A new Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN) clinical decision rule minimizes unnecessary imaging for pediatric cervical spine injuries. The criteria outlined in the decision rule are clearly identified by physical exam and can be easily implemented by clinicians, ensuring consistent and safe practices across various healthcare settings. [Full Article](#) | [C-Spine Imaging Rule Graphic](#)

Child Safety Seat PSA

The Portland Police Bureau, in partnership with OHSU Doernbecher Hospital, created a public service video regarding child safety seats. The video focuses on practical information for deciding when a child is ready to progress to the next stage of a child safety seat. Most kids are not ready to fit into most seatbelts in most cars until somewhere between 8 and 12 years of age.

[Child Safety Seat Video Link](#)

“The best way to protect children in cars is to use the right car seat or booster seat for the child’s age, weight and height, and developmental status,” said Dr. Ben Hoffman. “It’s important for families to make sure that their car seat or booster seat meets current U.S. safety standards. Sadly, we are seeing more dangerous counterfeit car seats being bought online. These counterfeit seats can’t protect kids in a crash, and so we encourage caregivers to only purchase certified car seats from a reputable online or brick-and-mortar retailer.”

New Pediatric Interfacility Transfer Guide!

Check out the new [Pediatric Interfacility Transfer Guide](#) and many other hospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator resources on the EMS for Children [website](#).

Pediatric Readiness Program Education Session



PEDIATRIC READINESS PROGRAM

SERVING OREGON & SW WASHINGTON

November 21 | 1200-1300

Transforming Difficult Situations Within the Pediatric Population

Trisha Williams & Joshua K. R. Hellstrom

[REGISTER HERE](#) - You will receive a confirmation email after registering. CME and CE available up to 30 days after session.

Participants will be able to:

- recognize and respond to signs of distress and identify opportunities to implement a needs-based plan of care.
- identify interdisciplinary communication tools for consistent and reliable delivery of care.
- identify processes and resources available within their organization to support the immediate safety of patients and caregivers.

Education sessions are recorded and posted on the [PRP Education page](#).

EMSC Advisory Committee Member Application & Meeting

Applications are open for the new iteration of the [EMS for Children Advisory Committee](#) that is set to begin early 2025. Applications will close **October 31**.

Additional information is available on the [Boards and Committees page](#). Please reach out if you have questions about the EMS modernization changes or encounter any technical difficulties with the application.

October 10, 2024 | 0900-1200

EMSC Advisory Committee Meeting

In-person: 800 NE Oregon Street, #177 Portland, OR 97232

Virtual: [Zoom Meeting Link](#) | Meeting ID: 161 730 1047 | Passcode: 333501

This is a public meeting and an opportunity to learn about EMSC Program activities.