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Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator Newsletter



EMS Agencies Can Now Assess Pediatric Readiness Year-Round

EMS and fire-rescue agencies can now assess their Pediatric Readiness anytime through the National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) Open Assessment, available at EMSPedsReady.org. Designed to help agencies evaluate their preparedness for caring for children during emergencies, the assessment provides an ongoing opportunity to identify strengths, address gaps, and support quality improvement efforts in pediatric prehospital care.

Agencies that participated in the 2024 nationwide assessment can use the open assessment to track progress and reassess their pediatric capabilities. Agencies that did not participate now have an opportunity to establish a baseline and better understand areas for growth in pediatric emergency care.

After completing the assessment, agencies receive a gap report summary that can be used to support planning, education, policy development, and other improvements. The open assessment may be completed and repeated as often as needed.

Take the assessment today at EMSPedsReady.org!

HERO Kids Hotline



EMS agencies can access HERO Kids patient care information through the EMS and ED provider confidential hotline: **833-437-6543** (833-HERO-KID). **Do not share with the public.**

Pediatric Readiness Skills Day

September 23 or 24 | 0800-1700
Bend, OR

[Registration & Additional Info](#)

- Pediatric Respiratory Review
- Pediatric Shock Presentations
- How to Improve Pediatric Assessments
- Interventions & Treatments

Burn Care Resources for Healthcare Providers

Burn care demands accurate assessment, rapid decision-making, and system-level preparedness. [Click here](#) for evidence-informed tools and educational resources designed to support healthcare providers in burn wound evaluation, emergency response planning, and injury pattern recognition. Together, these resources support clinical care, enhance coordination during burn emergencies, and support appropriate triage, stabilization, and ongoing care across the continuum of burn management.

Rethinking Spinal Motion Restriction in Children

The 2026 EMSC Day [webinar](#) focused on Rethinking Spinal Motion Restriction in Children: Evidence-Based Strategies for Prehospital Care. This webinar reviews current evidence and how evolving research is changing traditional immobilization practices. It explores key differences in pediatric cervical spine anatomy and injury patterns that influence field decision-making. The session also highlights clinical decision tools and practical strategies for implementing evidence-based Spinal Motion Restriction protocols within EMS systems.

PedsGuide App

The [PedsGuide App](#) was developed by Children's Mercy and is available to all healthcare providers. Check out the video that walks you through how to use the app. PedsGuide is a multi-module pediatric clinical decision support tool grounded in evidence-based practice and expert opinion to assist in management of various acute illnesses in children.

Visual Communication Cards



The Pediatric Pandemic Network has developed visual communication card sets to help bridge communication gaps. To order card sets, scroll down to bottom of this [page](#) and complete the order form.

Peds Ready EMS

We are proud to announce that seven agencies are Peds Ready EMS recognized! Get recognized today! Show your community that pediatric patients are a priority! The first **20 agencies** recognized will receive a Peds Ready EMS plaque.

[Apply today!](#) The online application should take about an hour to complete. Once the application has been reviewed and accepted, the EMS transport agency will receive a recognition certificate and ambulance decal(s).

[Application Guide](#) & [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Program requirement questions: rachel.l.ford@oha.oregon.gov or 971-673-0564

Application technical issues: nicole.m.perkins@oha.oregon.gov or 971-469-2899

Community Paramedic/Mobile Integrated Health Education Webinar Series

Thursdays | 1900-2000

Monthly free online accredited webinars for community paramedics, mobile integrated healthcare professionals, and EMS providers of all levels interested in injury prevention and treating patients more holistically in the field.

Register for each session separately:

July 16, 2026: [Advanced Patient Assessment & Point-of-Care Testing](#)

August 20, 2026: [Medication Reconciliation & Teach-Back Education](#)

September 17, 2026: [Wound Care & Home Medical Equipment Management](#)

October 15, 2026: [Behavioral Health Screening & End-of-Life Care](#)

November 19, 2026: [Ground-Level Falls in Older Adults: Assessment & Treatment](#)

December 17, 2026: [Paramedic Wellness, Stress, Burnout, & Resilience](#)

January 21, 2027: [Safety Protocols & Professional Boundaries](#)

February 25, 2027: [Legal & Ethical Issues in Community Paramedicine](#)

EMS Resources

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EMSC Website: Prehospital PECC Resources Free Training & Equipment• EMS Resource Toolkit: Training, funding, equipment, recruitment, etc.• HERO Kids & Oregon Registries for EMS (OREMS) app• Measles Guide for EMS• Mental Health, Substance Use & Managing Stress: Training & Guide• National Association of EMS Educators webinars | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oregon EMS Psychomotor Skills Lab Manual• Pediatric Hemorrhage Control and Tourniquet Application videos• Pediatric Patient Care Resource Sheets: send request• Responding to Children in Crisis• Right Call Cards (Prehospital PECC section)• U.S. Fire Administration Courses |
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