

What is a Pediatric Champion?



The majority (>85%) of 460,000 pediatric emergency visits in Connecticut take place in EDs that care for both children and adults. CT Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) in collaboration with other emergency medicine organizations, has embarked on an initiative to appoint and support Pediatric Emergency Care Champions (PECC) in 100% of CT EDs.

The PECC can be a physician, nurse, and/or other clinician from your ED with an interest in pediatric care who will serve as the local pediatric point of contact and as a liaison between the ED staff/leadership and CT EMSC. This role will help bring education and training to your facility.

Additional responsibilities could include ensuring availability of pediatric equipment and supplies, integration of pediatrics into quality improvement initiatives, and the inclusion of the pediatric perspectives in policies and guidelines.

We ask that ED leadership provides whatever support is feasible for the PECC. The expected minimum time commitment based on others functioning in this role is one hour per week and attendance at the Quarterly EMSC meetings.

Connecticut EDs with a designated PECC (through July 2019) will have access to the following resources:

- ❖ Pediatric clinical resources
- ❖ Vital signs cards
- ❖ One year subscription for all staff to the SafeDose medication dosing system
- ❖ Tablet/case/lock with pediatric references for your resuscitation room
- ❖ Pediatric educational resources:
 - Simulation scenarios
 - Training (equipment available on loan)
 - Access to 40 hours of online interactive modules for nurses (CEUs), physicians and technicians from the Children's Hospital Association
 - Information on pediatric conferences/webinars
 - Tip of the week- brief bottom line pediatric topic summary
 - Curated Free Open Access Online Medical Education such as podcasts, webinars, and lectures