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ILLINOIS 2018 PROGRAM REPORT

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PUBLICATIONS, PRODUCTS, RESOURCES

- [Pediatric Preparedness Resource Catalog \(2018\)](#)
- School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) Course Manual (6th Edition, 2018)
 - Contact: [Evelyn Lyons](#)
- [Disaster Mental Health Response for Children Educational Module \(3rd Edition, 2017\)](#)
- [Guidelines for the Nurse in the School Setting \(3rd Edition, 2017\)](#)
- [Pediatric Hypoglycemia and Diabetic Ketoacidosis Educational Module \(5th Edition, 2017\)](#)
- [Pediatric Seizures Education Module \(4th Edition, 2017\)](#)
- [Addressing the Needs of Children in Disaster Preparedness Exercises \(September 2016\)](#)

PUBLICATIONS, PRODUCTS, RESOURCES (continued)

- [Pediatric Prehospital Protocol Manual, 2016 Edition](#) (February 2016)
- [Emergency Preparedness Planning Guide for Child Care Centers & Child Care](#) (January 2016)
- [Assessment and Initial Care of Burn Patients Poster](#) (January 2015)
- [Prehospital Burn Resource Pocket Card](#) (January 2015)
- [Child Abuse and Neglect Policy & Procedure Guidelines/Toolkit, 2nd Edition](#) (2nd Edition, 2013)
- [Pediatric Rapid Response Teams: Guidelines for Implementing a Team Educational Module](#) (July 2013)
- [Caring for Non-injured and Non-ill children During a Disaster: A Guide for Non-Medical Professionals and Volunteers](#) (June 2013)
- [NICU/Nursery Evacuation Tabletop Exercise Toolkit](#) (February 2013)

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

At a glance

Pediatric Emergency & Trauma Care

- Illinois EMSC developed a Pediatric Prehospital Protocol manual which contains 23 state pediatric prehospital protocols. These protocols outline minimum standards that EMS systems can choose to adopt or use as baseline standards that they can build upon.
- Illinois EMSC has coordinated development of multiple appendices to the State ESF-8 Plan (state medical disaster plan) which outline the state response and provide local guidance for disaster events that target specific populations. These annexes include the Pediatric & Neonatal Surge Annex, the Burn Surge Annex, the Catastrophic Incident Response (CIR) Annex (which outlines Crisis Standards of Care), and currently in development is an At-Risk Populations Annex (addresses vulnerable populations such as those with chronic medical conditions, behavioral health issues, limited English proficiency, pediatrics, geriatrics, etc). Multiple resources as well as patient care guidelines have been developed through these projects.

Pediatric Education & Training

- Illinois EMSC continues to sponsor a three-day School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) course, which is designed to enhance the assessment, triaging and treatment skills of the school nurse when confronted with the acutely ill or injured student. With the increasing number of urgent health related conditions seen in the changing school environment and with the current need to assure disaster preparedness, this course supports the school nurse's core knowledge base in responding to these types of situations. These courses are conducted annually throughout our state, and are typically conducted over the summer months.

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS (continued)

At a glance

Pediatric Data & Quality Improvement

- A key requirement of the Illinois EMSC pediatric facility recognition program is the conduction of pediatric quality improvement initiatives. Each recognized hospital is required to identify a Pediatric Physician Champion and a Pediatric Quality Coordinator who oversee quality activities within their emergency department. Minimally, hospitals are required to evaluate the following: address emergency department deaths, interfacility transfers, child abuse/neglect cases, critically ill or injured children in need of stabilization, and other pediatric strategic priorities of the institution. In addition, the Pediatric Quality Coordinators for each EMS Region within Illinois meet quarterly and work together on a regional quality project. During site visits, each hospital provides their quality documentation for review by the site survey team.

Pediatric Disaster Preparedness

- Illinois EMSC facilitates a State Pediatric Preparedness Workgroup, which aims to create awareness of pediatric needs during a disaster, and is charged with developing pediatric preparedness resources. The EMSC program oversees a Pediatric & Neonatal Surge Annex which has been adopted into the State Medical Disaster Plan. This annex provides guidance during an event that involves a large surge of pediatric patients. The annex includes: state/local request process for medical resources (i.e. pediatric staffing, equipment/supplies), system decompression strategies since intensive care/specialty critical care capabilities and resources are limited to a greater degree for the pediatric population than for adults, and utilization of pediatric experts to provide clinical consultation, guidance and assist with triage decision-making during a pediatric surge event. A Pediatric Care Medical Specialist Team has been created within the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) to provide remote consultation and assistance to those facilities that typically do not manage pediatric patients for extended periods of time, but will need to do so during a disaster event.
- The workgroup continues to develop other preparedness resources, and most recently completed development of an Emergency Preparedness Planning Guide for Child Care Centers & Child Care Homes, which was distributed to all child care facilities within our state.

Pediatric Emergency Care Facility Recognition Program

- Illinois EMSC continues to work on our Pediatric Facility Recognition program to address EMSC Performance Measure 04. Currently over 100 hospitals are designated by the Illinois Department of Public Health at one of the following levels:
 - Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC), or
 - Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP), or
 - Standby Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (SEDP).

- Participating hospitals are required to meet criteria outlined in Illinois EMS Administrative Code, which identify the specific requirements/regulations for each of the three levels. A State EMSC Facility Recognition Committee has been in place since 1995, and meets every other month to review and provide oversight to the facility recognition program and develop templates and other resources.