

National Association of State EMS Officials
Pediatric Emergency Care Council (PECC)



FULL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES

Date: September 28, 2021	Time (PDT): 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
<p>Members Present: Norma Campbell (GA), Stacy Connolly (ID), David Edwards (VA), Gregory Edwards (NC), Amy Eisenhauer (NY), Renee Escamilla (AK), Candace Facemyer (WV), Sam Harrison (ND), Katherine Hert (AL), Erica Kane (WI), Debbie Kuhn (NE), Evelyn Lyons (IL), Marc Minkler (ME), Samantha Mishra (MI), Karen Moore (SC), Brittney Nichols (KS), Christopher Page (DC), Ben Palmere (MA), Amanda Perry (LA), Vicki Petersen (IA), Megan Petrucelli (CT), Kjelsey Polzin (MN), Morgan Scaggs (KY), Katherine Schafer (NM), Anna Sessa (NH), Duane Spencer (PA), Joe Stack (OH), Robin Suzor (MT), Sam Vance (TX), Julia Vinton (AZ), Elizabeth Weinstein (IN), Cynthia Wright Johnson (MD)</p> <p>NASEMSO Staff: Rachael Alter (Staff Support), Dia Gainor (Executive Director)</p> <p>Guests: Brittany Farrell (WI), Adam Rodriguez (AZ)</p>	
<p>PECC Call to Order & Welcome – Amanda Perry (LA), Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called to order at 11:02 PDT • Chat Monitor Throughout Meeting – <i>Karen Moore (SC), Chair-Elect</i> 	
<p>Meeting Minutes – Rachael Alter (PEC Council Staff)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve June 2021 Full Council Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Dave Edwards (VA) ○ Second: Marc Minkler (ME) 	
<p>PECC Officers Report – Amanda Perry (LA), Chair NASEMSO Annual Meeting in Reno cancelled. Officers created a modified agenda for a virtual meeting for November 15 & 16; 3 hours each day.</p> <p>PECC Steering Committee Report – Amanda Perry (LA), Chair Emphasized the importance of the Regional Lead roles to communicate information from the Officers and Steering Committee to PECC members in their Region.</p>	
<p>Workgroup Reports – Amanda Perry (LA), Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pediatric Emergency Care Council Welcome Packet – Norma Campbell (GA) & Duane Spencer (PA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have met several times to determine what resources should be included and what is already available. ○ Norma & Duane meeting with Rachael Alter next week to make sure that the packet created is not redundant to the one being created by EICC. • Pediatric Emergency Care Council Pediatric Skills – Morgan Scaggs (KY) & Marc Minkler (ME) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have met several times and looking at a few different priorities. ○ 1st task is to create a list of skills and breaking it into groups of frequency. ○ Looking at creating additional guidance to help agency PECC members as they develop a skills competency plan. ○ Hope to have one small deliverable, in at least draft form, by November’s meeting. <p>Work will be ongoing – if you are a new PEC Council member, you are more than welcome to join either of these workgroups. Let Amanda know if you are interested in participating (amanda.perry@la.gov).</p>	

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Organizational Liaison Updates – Morgan Scaggs (KY), Past Chair

Reports Attached to Meeting Invite:

- AAP Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine – Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MD)
- EIIC PECC Workforce Development Collaborative – Robin Suzor (MT)

NASEMSO General Updates – Rachael Alter (PEC Council Staff)

- As Amanda mentioned, the November Annual Meeting in Reno is cancelled. Will move forward with planning of the June 2022 Annual Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina.
- **Dia Gainor:** Dr. Clay Mann from the NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center and Dia worked with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to write an application for *The National Cooperative Highway Research Program*; a multi-million-dollar research program that picks new projects each year. The application focused on the translation of the [UUID document](#), just published in collaboration with American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, using the same deterministic linkage methodology between EMS records and law enforcement crash reports. To the extent that this group have children traumatically injured in motor vehicle crashes, the kind of insights that would be provided to the larger transportation community about kids in motor vehicle crashes and other incidents could be incredibly powerful. This might create a nice crossover opportunity to start a conversation with state and U.S. territory EMS data managers. The power of aggregate data between law enforcement perspective, including contributing factors and child restraints, coupled with the EMS personnel perspective. It could be 2-3 months before we receive word on the application.

EIIC General Updates – Rachael Alter (PEC Council Staff)

- PECC Workforce Development Collaborative (PWDC): Apologies for the technical difficulties during the first Learning Session. We will not use GlobalCastMD for future sessions. The first session was re-recorded and can be viewed on the PWDC webpage, <https://emscimprovement.center/collaboratives/pwdc/>.
- Website Task Force: They are working on revisions to the website to clean it up and make it a bit more user-friendly.

NASEMSO Committee Reports – Morgan Scaggs (KY), Past Chair

- Education – **TBD**: This Committee does not have a PEC Council representative. If you would like an opportunity to take on a liaison role, please let Morgan know at morgan.scaggs@kctcs.edu.
- Safe Transport of Children – *Katherine Shafer (NM)*:
 - Training template has been finalized and is ready to be disseminated. Intent is for a unified message, but not a NASEMSO product. PowerPoint can be found here: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/LM3kuE9mcrotZbhuUY3mV2jv>.
 - Sled Buck project is complete. Sled Buck is designed and built and three tests of the Sled Buck and not the devices were completed: patient on stretcher in traditional restraint system, child in a restraint device, and isolette.
 - Next steps include creating the standards that each device could be tested against, and funding is needed for this part of the project. Any children's hospital foundations or benevolent foundations contacts from PEC Council members are welcome.
 - Video footage of Sled Buck will be made available, but video of device testing will not be made public.

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NASEMSO Regional Reports – Amanda Perry (LA), Chair

- East – *Marc Minkler (ME)*: Have a meeting scheduled on October 22nd 10:00-11:00am EDT.
- South – *Norma Campbell (GA)*: Have been meeting, but nothing to report. Have been connecting, but without an agenda.
- Great Lakes – *Kjelsey Polzin (MN)*: Collaborating with IL, MI, IN, MN, WI (named the Mid-West EMSC) and hosting a virtual PECC Symposium on November 3 & 4. Topics include child abuse, safe sleep, autism/spectrum disorders, poison, and respiratory emergencies. Have 1,000 capacity. Will share if it does not look like they will meet the cap.
- Western Plains – *Robin Suzor (MT)*: Last meeting cancelled. Nothing new to report.
- West – *Rachel Ford (OR)*: NASEMSO West Region continues to meet bi-monthly. Next meeting is November 10, 2021 1:00-2:00pm PDT.

Old Business – Amanda Perry (LA), Chair

1. Member update

- a. Incoming: Benjamin Palmere (MA)
- b. Outgoing: Brandon Kelley (WY), Karin Ng (HI), Stacy Quesada (CO) last day is October 8th, Delores Welch (OK) is retiring in November.

New Business – Amanda Perry (LA), Chair

- 2021 Virtual PECC Meeting: Overview of virtual meeting agenda (starts at 9:00am PDT both days (November 15 & 16).
- Consensus Statement - Use of Child Abuse Clinical Decision Support: Email sent to full Council on September 17th – NASEMSO is being asked to endorse the document.
 - Morgan attended a 2-day conference about this topic. Document is the result of the work created out of this group.
 - Statement is very ED-focused and is pretty involved. This could be challenging for smaller institutions to implement. Does it have teeth enough to matter and flexibility enough to be actionable?
 - Would be very cumbersome in the prehospital environment as the charting recommendations are not realistic.
 - Group recognized that there was not enough agreement to recommend for prehospital, so as NASEMSO, is it the right thing for this organization to endorse? Need to justify the endorsement recommendation to the Board. There could be a role for NASEMSO in forming a more prehospital specific role.
 - Morgan needs to have feedback by the November 15th meeting, during which the Council can determine whether to recommend endorsement. Morgan will resend the email.

Open Forum – Amanda Perry (LA), Chair

Allotted time for member comments, questions and discussion.

- Erica Kane (WI) introduced Brittney Farrell. Brittany has joined Wisconsin EMSC as a full-time staff member to help with pediatric readiness in rural hospitals.
- Maryland has made available a virtual Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse (CPEN) Review Course. Flyer attached to these minutes.
- New Mexico has an upcoming ECHO series on sentinel injuries and physical abuse. Both ED and prehospital CE available. Scheduled for October 15th at 8:00am MDT:
<https://echo.zoom.us/meeting/register/UUvdeisrztHdK6N4EDFggJKBFc1RrDY3Du>.
- How do you stay positive and engaged? Accept the little victories as big victories! Recognizing that both EMS agencies & hospitals are struggling – hold space for those people and recognize you

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cannot do everything. Touch base with hospital and EMS contacts to see what they need and where could they use your help.

- Concern that agencies are being asked to pilot a longer version of the EMSC annual data collection survey. The timing is not ideal and worried about asking already tasked EMS agencies to pilot this just months before 2022 data collection begins. Rachael clarified that this is a pilot for the 2024 survey based on the Pediatric Readiness policy statement and the checklist that was developed out of the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP). The ask was targeted so that we can get comprehensive representation from across the county, with a goal of 30-40 agencies participating. NEDARC is leading the timeline for the pilot and it is based on experience with National Pediatric Readiness Project. This longer survey will replace the shorter Annual Data Collection survey but will not be done every year. Shorter data collection on Performance Measures 2 & 3 will still have to be collected annually).

Wrap Up & Next Steps – *Karen Moore (SC), Chair-Elect*

- N/A

Adjourn – *Amanda Perry (LA), Chair*

- Motion: Anna Sessa (NH)
- Second: Katherine Shafer (NM)
- Time: 12:24 PDT



Liaison Report from the AAP COPEM – June 2021

TO: Pediatric Emergency Care Council & Steering Committee, NASEMSO
From: Cynthia Wright Johnson MSN RN, Liaison to AAP COPEM

The AAP COPEM met virtually on June 4, 2021 Please find a summary of the activities and actions of the AAP COPEM for the past six months.

COPEM Vision: COPEM defines and promulgates best practices in the care of infants, children, and adolescents in the prehospital and emergency settings through developing policy statements and strategies for implementation, engaging in advocacy, and collaboration with other professional organizations and key stakeholders.

COPEM continues to participate in the **AAP Family Partnerships Network (FPN)** which was recently refunded internally by the AAP. Cynthia Lightfoot is the FPN liaison to COPEM and is serving as an author on revision of the AAP statement on patient and family centered care and the role of the pediatrician.

AAP Support and promotion of the 2021 National Pediatric Readiness Assessment:

COPEM membership and AAP leadership continue to work closely with the EMCS EIIC, ACEP, and ENA to encourage members to advocate for all hospital EDs to participate in the May – July 2021 Reassessment of NPRP. The COPEM sponsored three AAP Resolutions at the 2020 Annual Leadership Forum:

- 1) Facility Designation Criteria for Pediatric Emergency Department Certification
- 2) Improve the Coverage for Emergent Transfers of Critically Ill Children
- 3) Improve Training and Management of Pediatric Psychiatry Crises in the Emergency Room Setting

2021 Major Advocacy Campaign Initiatives to date included:

- 1) “**#CallYourPediatrician**” to urge families to get caught up on routine immunizations
- 2) “**#PowerSafely**” efforts to reduce unintentional injuries from ingestion of lithium coin batteries
- 3) “**AsthmaActionPlan**” to increase awareness of maintenance and emergency asthma action plans (being translated into Spanish animated videos)
- 4) Summer campaign to encourage families to have children and teens vaccinated against the CoVID 19 virus as the approvals are released from FDA & CDC guidance. Hashtag has not been released yet.
- 5) Joint online FREE training from the AAP & ENA entitled: **Firearms Injury Prevention Education** and includes webinar, online learning modules and a podcast series focused on identifying patients who might be in danger and the steps to take in the ED to assess, educate and provide follow-up care to those individuals to reduce the possibility of them facing harm based on firearm accessibility. Course is open to members and nonmembers of both organizations and is 5 hours total. [Firearm Injury Prevention and Patient Safety: Online Course \(ena.org\)](#)



AAP Revised Policies, Statements and Practice Guidelines with ongoing work / Action taken include: PS- Policy Statement / TR – Technical Report

Completed:

- 1) Access to Optimal Emergency Care for Children
- 2) Essential Equipment for Basic and Advanced Life Support Ground Ambulances


In Progress:


- 1) Ensuring Access to Critical Health Information for Children During Emergencies: Emergency Information Forms and Beyond (PS 140530) (*formerly the EIF Policy*) is at the AAP Board for approval and publication date assignment
- 2) Crowding in the ED: Challenges and Recommendations (PS 151253)
- 3) Dispensing Medications from the Hospital upon ED Discharge (TR 181251)
- 4) Ensuring the Health of Children-Adolescents in Disasters & Public Health Emergencies (PS 201247)
- 5) Individual Medical Emergencies Occurring at School (PS 160604)
- 6) Optimizing Pediatric Advanced Imaging in the ED (PS 200836)
- 7) Optimizing Pediatric Advanced Imaging in the ED (TR 200836)
- 8) Optimizing Pediatric Patient Safety in the Emergency Care Setting (PS 180102)
- 9) Optimizing Pediatric Patient Safety in the Emergency Care Setting (TR 180102)
- 10) Patient and Family Centered Care: The Pediatrician's Role (PS 190207)
- 11) Pediatric and Adolescent Mental Health Emergencies in the EMS System (PS 191234)
- 12) Pediatric and Adolescent Mental Health Emergencies in the EMS System (TR 191234)
- 13) Unscheduled Procedural Sedation of Children in the Emergency Department (PS 120415)


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COPEM membership and AAP leadership are working closely with the EMCS EIIC, ACEP, and ENA to encourage members to advocate for all hospital EDs to participate in the May – July 2021 Reassessment of NPRP. While not all AAP state chapters have an active COPEM committee, AAP will be reaching out to those contacts and the state presidents.

AAP Life Support Educational Programs continue to be updated with 2020/ 2021 as the target for publications with any new AHA recommendations, new evidence based guidelines, and more interactive content (flipped classroom modeling)

 PEPP 4th Edition (2020): Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals: Text book and instructional toolkit have been available for purchase since July 2020. Hybrid online course materials were released in November 2020.

 APLS 5th Edition (2011): The Pediatric Emergency Medicine Course is under review at this time. No information is available on revision or future of the course delivery.

 NRP 8th Edition (2021): Neonatal Resuscitation Program: the new curriculum is available for purchase with a June 2021 publication release. Course will remain on line for didactic portion. CoVID update are located online @ <https://www.aap.org/en-us/continuing-medical-education/life-support/NRP/Pages/NRP.aspx>. And online skills videos have been updated and posted for free online: <https://www.aap.org/en-us/continuing-medical-education/life-support/NRP/Pages/NRP-Skills-Videos.aspx>



Here is the direct link to the COPEM website where all publications and resources are located:
<https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/Committees-Councils-Sections/Committee-on-Pediatric-Emergency-Medicine/Pages/Pediatric-Emergency-Medicine.aspx?>

AAP Publications that support Pediatric Readiness in ED and EMS

- ✎ Participation of Children and Adolescents in Live Crisis Drills and Exercises – Policy Statement *Pediatrics* September 2020, 146 (3) e2020015503; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2020-015503>
- ✎ Ketamine Use in Prehospital and Hospital Treatment of the Acute Trauma Patient: A Joint Position Statement [ACS-COT, ACEP, NASEMSO, NAEMSP and NAEMT] <https://doi.org/10.1080/10903127.2020.1801920>
- ✎ Pediatric Readiness in Emergency Medical Services Systems – Technical Report *Pediatrics*, Jan 2020, 145 (1) e20193308
- ✎ Pediatric Readiness in Emergency Medical Services Systems – Policy Statement *Pediatrics*, Jan 2020, 145 (1) e20193307
- ✎ Drugs used to Treat Pediatric Emergencies – Clinical Report *Pediatrics*, Jan 2020, 145 (1) e20193450
- ✎ Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department – Policy Statement *Pediatrics*, Nov 2018, 142 (5) e20182459

Respective fully submitted:

Cynthia Wright Johnson MSN RN
June 2021 for PECC Council and Leadership



September 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Purpose - This collaborative will develop individuals who are interested in improving the quality of pediatric care at your EMS agency, ED/hospital, or within your region. We will provide resources, example practices and networking opportunities at no cost to help push forward any effort for pediatric improvement.

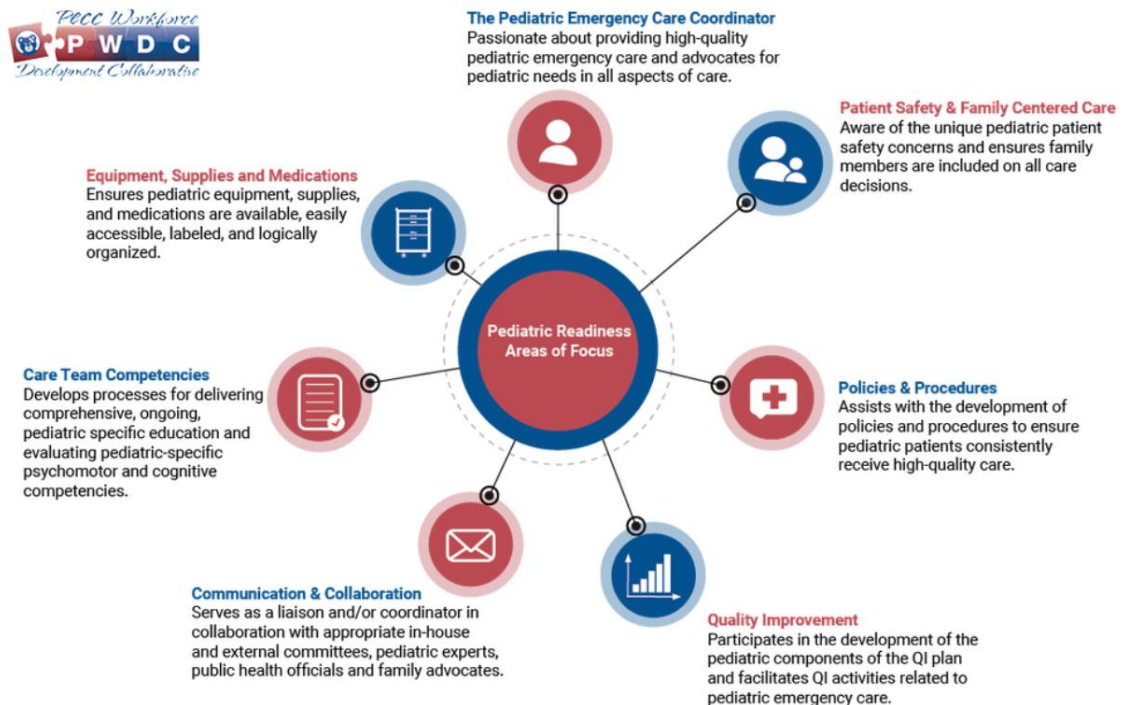
What is a PECC? -A Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC)--sometimes referred to as a pediatric champion or pediatric liaison--is a term that the EMSC program uses to refer to any individual who has a particular interest in or responsibilities related to pediatric emergency care. Sometimes this individual is dedicated solely to this role. However, depending on the pediatric volume of the EMS agency or hospital, this person may take on the PECC duties in addition to other responsibilities (e.g., educator, trauma coordinator, etc.). Various roles and responsibilities are often given to a PECC but common responsibilities include ensuring the availability of pediatric equipment, supplies and medications, pediatric education/training and advocating for pediatric considerations to be included in protocol/policy development.

Who should participate?-- Anyone that is interested in improving pediatric readiness within your EMS agency, ED/hospital, or within your region, to include EMSC State Partnership Programs. You do NOT need to have any formal pediatric training, or a title related to pediatric care. You already have everything you need to participate...an interest in pediatric emergency care

Why join? We know that the presence of an individual with an interest in pediatric emergency care is strongly correlated with improved outcomes for children. No effort to improve pediatric emergency care is too small to make an impact. This collaborative will have a broad scope. No matter where your starting point is, we will provide you with tools to improve. There is no cost to participate, and you will have the opportunity to earn continuing education or Maintenance of Certification Part 4 credit. [Learn more...](#)

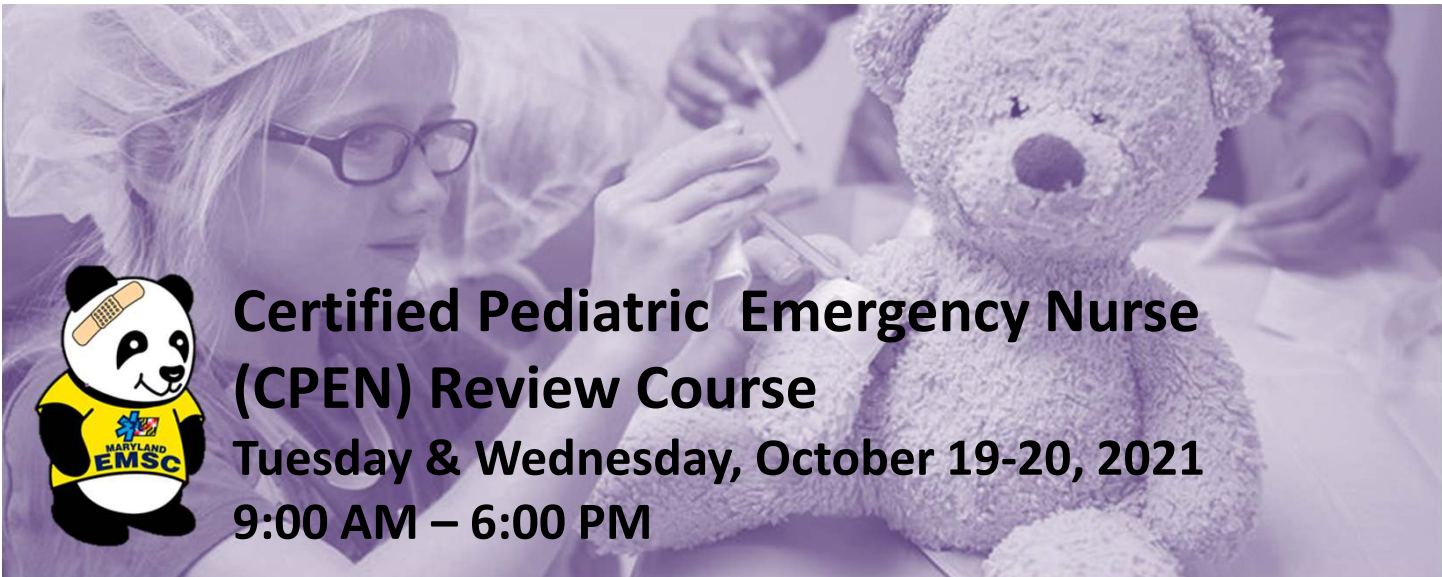
How it works

The collaborative will occur in two parts. During the first half, we will explore seven pediatric readiness areas of focus, evaluate your agency or ED/hospital level of pediatric readiness, and identify areas for improvement. In the second half, we provide coaching and tools to help you develop an improvement project. [Learn more...](#)



Location-- All collaborative activities will be conducted online and through virtual meetings.

Meeting on September 16th- recap (could not attend) minutes/recording should be on website soon.



Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse (CPEN) Review Course

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 19-20, 2021
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

NEW format: Live VIRTUAL Course with Interactive Faculty

This course will provide a comprehensive review course based on the detailed CPEN content established by the Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN®). This course is presented in a manner that is easy to understand and would also be an excellent review for any nurse interested in increasing his or her knowledge and comfort level in managing pediatric emergencies.

Through the use of lectures, graphics, videos and practice questions, the course will review many of the areas that are tested on the CPEN examination. This course will provide not only a knowledge base for successfully completing the exam, but also a foundation for further study as the participant works towards emergency nursing certification. Topics Covered in the 2 day course are listed on page 2.

This course cannot guarantee that all participants will pass the CPEN certification exam. It is the responsibility of the emergency nurse to take the necessary time to study & gain mastery of the required topics.

Faculty: Kara Bauman MN, RN, CEN, CPEN, TCRN
Solheim Enterprises®

Register online at
<https://eecreg3.wufoo.com/forms/cpen-review-course-october-2021/>

For more information, contact 410-706-1758
or email pepp@miemss.org

Who Should Attend:

- Nurses preparing for CPEN Exam
- Nurses seeking Pediatric Emergency Nursing review
- Nurses with CPEN who need CE to recertify



Registration - \$150.00

What's Included?

Included in your registration fee are LIVE instruction, interactive discussions, self assessment questions, educational materials, and **16.25 hours of CE** for those who participate both days.

The Maryland EMS for Children State Partnership Grant (federal HRSA/MCHB/EMSC) is supporting the course faculty and platform.



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Topics Covered Include: (16.25 CE Hours)

- Review of Exam
- Pediatric Pathophysiology
- Pediatric Assessments
- Triage of the Pediatric Patient
- Medical Emergencies
- Special Considerations in Medical Emergencies
- Pediatric Trauma
- Pediatric Surgical Emergencies
- Procedural Sedation
- Psychological and Social Emergencies
- Legal and Professional Issues
- Pediatric Interventions

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