

## **Pediatric Champion or Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC)**

An individual(s) who is responsible for coordinating pediatric specific activities. A designated individual(s) who coordinates pediatric emergency care need not be dedicated solely to this role; it can be an individual(s) already in place who assumes this role as part of their existing duties. The individual(s) may be a member of the Emergency Department (ED) staff, EMS agency, or work at a county or regional level and serve more than one agency.

### **Purpose:**

The intent of designating and developing the role of a Pediatric Champion/PECC is to ensure that there is a dedicated individual(s) identified in the Emergency Department or local EMS agency that represents pediatric interest and performs the roles listed below. An Emergency Department or EMS agency does not have to have a single person performing the functions of a Pediatric Champion/PECC. The responsibilities can be fulfilled by two or more people.

### **Who can fill this role?**

Some certifications of the individual(s) who might fulfill the PECC role include, but are not limited to:

#### **EMS Agencies**

- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Paramedic
- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)
- Physician Assistant (PA)
- MCA medical director
- EMS Chief
- Training officer
- Other Prehospital professionals
- Additionally, there could be a region wide individual(s) that performs the responsibilities as a PECC for EMS agencies within a region

#### **Emergency Departments**

- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)
- Physician Assistant (PA)
- ED Physician
- Trauma Coordinator
- ED Manager
- ED Clinicians

## Responsibilities

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- Ensures that fellow EMS providers follow pediatric clinical practice guidelines.
- Promotes pediatric continuing-education opportunities.
- Oversees the pediatric-process improvement.
- Ensures the availability of pediatric medications, equipment, and supplies.
- Promotes agency participation in pediatric-prevention programs.
- Promotes agency participation in pediatric-research efforts.
- Liaises with the emergency department pediatric emergency care coordinator.
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