

Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children
Program Update – February 2018



Illinois EMSC Program Transition to Lurie Children's Hospital

As a reminder, the Illinois EMSC grant program will transition to Lurie Children's Hospital effective March 1, 2018. The new EMSC website URL will be available soon, as well as new contact info for Laura Prestidge and Ramona Rendon. Evelyn's new contact info is below:

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Federal EMSC Updates

An online survey of hospitals will be conducted this year by the National EMSC program to assess the presence of interfacility transfer guidelines and interfacility transfer agreements that meet Federal EMSC guidelines. Increasing the percentage of interfacility transfer guidelines and agreements are performance measures that all state EMSC programs are required to work towards achieving. This information will assist the Maternal & Child Health Bureau in identifying progress related to the EMSC program to Congress, and assist with future planning. This survey will be conducted across the country of ALL hospitals with an emergency department. The survey will launch in mid-May and run through mid-August. Each state is expected to minimally attain 80% completion.

Pediatric Facility Recognition

- Regions 3 & 6 hospitals submitted their renewal applications which are undergoing review
 - One new SEDP application was submitted in Region 6
 - One EDAP recognized hospital in Region 3 withdrew their participation.
 - Surveys in these regions will be conducted in spring/early summer 2018
- Region 7 hospitals
 - A renewal educational session is scheduled 9am – 12pm on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.
 - Surveys are anticipated in fall/early winter 2018.

Pediatric Education

- EMSC educational modules available online include the following: *Disaster Mental Health Response for Children*, *Pediatric Disaster Triage: Utilizing the JumpSTART® Method*, *Pediatric Hyperglycemia and DKA*, and *Pediatric Seizures* modules. Each module has an approved IDPH site code for continuing education hours (nurses and EMTs). Access the modules at <http://www.publichealthlearning.com>
- The curricular materials for the EMSC JumpSTART Training Program are available on the EMSC website (click on the Disaster Preparedness link, Other Resources page, then select MCI Triage). **JumpSTART instructors should replace any current curricular materials with these revised materials.**

Pediatric Disaster Preparedness

- EMSC continues work on the At-Risk/Functional Access Needs Annex project. Six subcommittees have been convened to address the following groupings: Age, Diverse Cultures/Language Literacy, Economically Disadvantaged, Institutionalized Settings, Isolation, and Medical Disabilities. Each subcommittee is focused on identifying populations within their assigned group; outlining specific needs/triggers/issues that would arise with these populations during/after a disaster; and identifying strategies to address specific needs. The Steering Committee will reconvene on 3/6/2018, and information gathered will be shared. A data report has also been drafted that describes at-risk populations in Illinois and identifies various data sources in existence that can be accessed for disaster planning purposes. At-risk populations are defined as vulnerable groups with additional needs during a disaster and include: children, elderly, pregnant women, those with access/functional needs, pre-existing health conditions (including behavioral health), limited English proficiency, homeless, low socioeconomic status, among others.
- Work is underway to expand the scope of the NICU Evacuation Guidelines document to address the needs of all level nurseries as well as PICUs and inpatient pediatric units.
- Coming soon are three online educational modules addressing Pediatric Decontamination, Pediatric Exercises/Drills and Pediatric Reunification. The decontamination module will address key concepts and challenges associated with decontaminating children in a disaster situation; the exercises/drills module will outline strategies to incorporate children into disaster preparedness exercises; and the reunification module will

review key concepts associated with the tracking of infants and children, and reunification with their families during a disaster incident.

- EMSC continues to recruit pediatric experts for the Pediatric Care Medical Specialist (PCMS) team within IMERT. This is a team of pediatric physicians and advanced practice nurses who will respond remotely during a disaster, providing pediatric consultation to hospitals that normally do not care for children. This is not a “boots on the ground team”. If interested in joining this team, or for more information, contact Laura Prestidge at lprestidge@luc.edu

Data Initiatives

- *2015 Traffic Crash Fact Sheets* – These 11 fact sheets (developed by EMSC) are based on 2015 IDOT Crash data and provide statistics related to traffic safety and motor vehicle incidents in Illinois. Available at <http://ssom.luc.edu/emergency-medicine/children/data/illinoiscrashinformation/2015idotquickfacts/>.
- The EMS Reporting System is a web-based query system that provides online access to state injury, illness and hospitalization trending for all age patients. Access the system at <http://app.idph.state.il.us/emrpt>.