



Saving Lives Through Pediatric Readiness Efforts

The readiness of Emergency Departments (EDs) to meet the needs of children is highly variable, with a national median score of 69 on a 100–point scale. But research shows that scoring 88 points and above is tied to significantly improved outcomes. Integrating children in quality improvement (QI) efforts can improve pediatric readiness by up to 26 points, meaning QI has the potential to significantly reduce the risk of death for children presenting to your ED.

FREE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN QI



Pediatric Readiness Quality Improvement Collaborative (PRQC)

Leveraging the NPRQI platform, PRQC will provide foundational training and support to help ED-based teams implement pediatric QI efforts. PRQC participants will choose one or more focus areas from four high-priority topics. While sites will have access to the NPRQI platform and dashboard even after the close of the collaborative, participating teams are expected to implement a local QI project during the 18-month time period.





National Pediatric Readiness Quality Initiative (NPRQI)

NPRQI is an open-access QI portal designed to support general and low-volume EDs in assessing and improving pediatric emergency care. NPRQI is self-guided and self-paced. Participants have access to a broad menu of clinical areas and associated quality measures. Performance may be compared to similar EDs and across patient demographics.

Understanding PRQC and NPRQI

PRQC participants simultaneously register for NPRQI and will receive support and guidance on NPRQI during the collaborative. However, EDs can also choose to enroll in NPRQI only.

	PRQC	NPRQI
Registration Deadline	June 6, 2023	Open enrollment
Time Period	Ends December 15, 2024; 18 months total	Open participation; No end date
Clinical Focus	Choose 1 or more of 4 areas of focus: Patient Assessment, Patient Safety, Pain Management, and Suicide	Open menu with 7 clinical areas of focus (28 quality measures): Patient Assessment and Safety, Interfacility Transfers, Respiratory Complaints, Blunt Head Trauma, Seizures, Suicide, and Vomiting
Support	Learning sessions, Intervention guides, QI and data literacy training, QI coaching, access to subject matter experts	Reference materials, User guides
Continuing Education Credits	CEU/CNE/CME/MOC Part IV	MOC Part IV only, individual submission
Required Time Commitment	1-2hrs/wk including monthly 1.5-hr learning sessions	Site-driven
Data Capture and Dashboard Access	NPRQI platform	NPRQI platform
Confidentiality	Yes, Participant Organization Agreement	Yes, Participant Organization Agreement
Cost	Free	Free
Registration Site	 https://emscimprovement.center/collaboratives/prqc/2023/	 https://sites.utexas.edu/nprqi/



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