



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.



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.



Pediatric Readiness Quality Improvement Collaborative (PRQC)

PRQC provides 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.

Which program is right for me?

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



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