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EMSC Advisory Committee Meets: Elects Leadership positions

The EMSC Advisory Committee met on November 20, 2012 at the Section of EMS. The Committee adopted a set of bylaws and elected new Leadership Officers for the committee. The following individuals were elected:

Chairperson: Dr. Danny Bercher

Vice-Chair: Robert Galligher

Secretary: Ryan Tyler

Parliamentarian: Sedley Tomlinson

Thank you to everyone that attended the meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2013 at 2:00 pm, at the Freeway Medical Building, Room 801.

Upcoming Assessments for 2013

The EMSC program will assist in the implementation of two assessments during the upcoming new year.

The first assessment will begin in April 2013, This is the Pediatric Readiness assessment. This is a hospital based assessment regarding the readiness level of Emergency Rooms in the United States to provide pediatric care.

The second will begin in October 2013. This is the EMS assessment that is conducted to evaluate performance measures. This is an EMS based assessment regarding the readiness of EMS agencies in the State to provide pediatric care.

More information will be provided regarding both of these assessments as the dates get closer.

Special points of interest:

- EMSC Committee Leadership Elections
- Performance Measures
- Assessments for the upcoming year.

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What is a Performance Measure?

The Purpose of the EMSC Program performance measures is to document activities and accomplishments of the Program in improving the delivery of emergency services to children.

Reference: *Performance Measures: An implementation Manual for State Partnership Grantees, 2009 Edition*

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.”

— [Albert Einstein](#)

Performance Measure Spot Light

Performance measures drive the EMSC program. The EMSC program success is evaluated by the accomplishment of the performance measures. In this issue of *The PEDI Times*, we wanted to list the performance measures for the EMSC Program. These performance measures will also be a part of the EMS assessment in 2013.

#71 The percent of pre-hospital provider agencies in the State/Territory that have on-line pediatric medical direction available from dispatch through patient transport to a definitive care facility.

#72 The percent of pre-hospital provider agencies in the State/Territory that have pediatric off-line medical direction available from dispatch through patient transport to a definitive care facility.

#73 The percent of patient care units in the State/Territory that have the essential pediatric equipment and supplies as outlined in national guidelines.

#74 The percent of hospitals recognized through a statewide, territorial or regional standardized system that are able to stabilize and/or manage pediatric medical emergencies.

#75 The percent of hospitals recognized through a statewide, territorial or regional standardized system that are able to stabilize and/or manage pediatric traumatic emergencies.

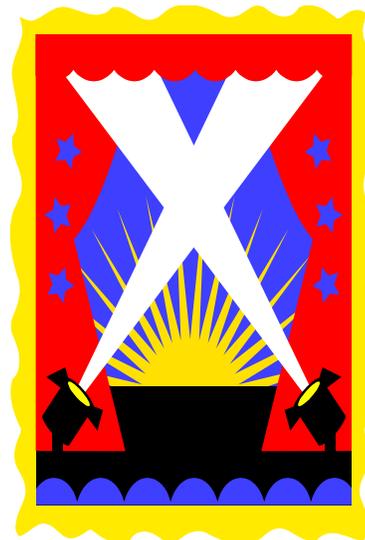
#76 The percentage of hospitals in the State/Territory that have written inter-facility transfer guidelines that cover pediatric patients.

#77 The percentage of hospitals in the State/Territory that have written inter-facility transfer agreements that cover pediatric patients.

#78 The adoption of requirements by the State/Territory for pediatric emergency education for the license/certification renewal of basic life support (BLS) and advanced life support (ALS) providers.

#79 The degree to which States/Territories have established permanence of EMSC in the State/Territory EMS system.

#80 The degree to which the State/Territory has established permanence of EMSC in the State/Territorial EMS system by integrating EMSC priorities into statutes/regulations.



Next EMSC Advisory Committee Meeting

**February 20, 2013 at
2:00pm.
Freeway Medical Bldg.
Suite 801**