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EMS-Children Program Managers Meeting

Special points of interest:

- EMS-Children Program Managers annual meeting
- Simulation Training
- Pediatric Readiness Assessment

The EMS-Children Program Manager Jack Hill attended the annual Program Managers meeting in Bethesda, MD. The annual meeting is conducted by HRSA and a requirement of the State Partnership Grant. This year's focus was on the Pediatric Readiness Assessment and Disaster Planning for Children. Additional topics that were covered included Cultural Liaisons and Family Representative roles in the EMS-Children Program. Following the HRSA yearly meeting, NASEMSO held the mid-year meeting of the PECC council. (pediatric emergency care council). This council addressed several projects that are ongoing concerning pediatric care and issues. Elections were held for the Chair-elect, Secretary, and Regional Reps. Our own Jack Hill was elected to be the PECC southern representative, his alternate is Sam Vance from Texas. Jack will fulfill his duties for two years. Congratulations to Jack and all the others who were elected. If anyone would like additional information about PECC, please go to nasemso.org and click on councils.

Pediatric Readiness Project

The National Pediatric Readiness Project is a collaborative multi-phase quality improvement initiative to ensure that emergency departments (EDs) are ready to care for children. The project has begun in Arkansas. As of today's writing we are at 44% completion. The EMS-Children Program would encourage everyone who has a connection to their local ER, to encourage the ER to complete the assessment. The following link will provide a wealth of information on the project.

<http://pediatricreadiness.org/>

This assessment began April 2013 and will continue through June 2013

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English—Spanish Visual Language Aids

The EMS-Children Program is distributing English—Spanish Visual Language Aids. They are an easy way to aid communication between patients and care givers. If you are in the Little Rock area please stop by the office to pick one up for each truck you have. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

“ Our Character is what we do when we think no one is looking.”
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Pediatric Simulation Training

The EMS-Children Program is excited to announce the beginning of a Pediatric Simulation Training Program for EMS services. The program is in its beginning phase and will soon be available to EMS services around the state. This program is sponsored by the EMS-Children Program and the Arkansas Department of Health. Jack Hill EMS-Children Program Manager attended training in Miami, Florida on the operation of the Pediatric Hal Simulator. This simulator will provide a dynamic approach to simulation training. Training will be a collaborative effort between the EMS service Medical Director, EMS service Operations Manager, local ER and the EMS-Children Program Manager. All scenarios can be customize to individual EMS service needs. More information will be provided in the coming months, please be on the lookout for additional details. If you have any questions please contact Jack Hill, EMS-Children Program Manager.

Poisonings: The Reality

We all want to keep our children safe and secure and help them live to their full potential. Knowing how to prevent leading causes of child injury, like poisoning, is a step toward this goal.

Every day, over 300 children in the United States ages 0 to 19 are treated in an emergency department, and two children die, as a result of being poisoned. It's not just chemicals in your home marked with clear warning labels that can be dangerous to children.

Everyday items in your home, such as household cleaners and medicines, can be poisonous to children as well. Active, curious children will often investigate—and sometimes try to eat or drink—anything that they can get into.

Thankfully, there are ways you can help poison-proof your home and protect the children you love.

Prevention Tips

Lock them up. Keep medicines and toxic products, such cleaning solutions, in their original packaging where children can't see or get them.

Know the number. Put the nationwide poison control center phone number, 1-800-222-1222, on or near every telephone in your home and program it into your cell phone. Call the poison control center if you think a child has been poisoned but they are awake and alert; they can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 911 if you have a poison emergency and your child has collapsed or is not breathing.

Read the label. Follow label directions and read all warnings when giving medicines to children.

Don't keep it if you don't need it. Safely dispose of unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs and over the counter drugs, vitamins, and supplements. To dispose of medicines, mix them with coffee grounds or kitty litter and throw them away. You can also turn them in at a local take-back program or during National Drug Take-Back events.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention