



Pediatric Readiness Saves Lives



High levels of Pediatric Readiness in emergency departments (EDs)—or scoring a minimum of 88 points (ideally 100) on the National Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment—improve outcomes for children. While research in prehospital settings is ongoing, a similar impact is anticipated.

High levels of Pediatric Readiness in EDs are associated with the potential for:

60%

lower mortality risk in injured children^{1,2}

76%

lower mortality risk in ill children^{1,3}

2,143

children's lives saved across the U.S. each year⁴

and only cost between \$4–48 per patient.⁵



The Power of PECCs:

Designating individuals as pediatric emergency care coordinators (PECCs), or pediatric champions, in EMS agencies and EDs is the best way to increase readiness.



Prehospital research is currently underway with the evaluation of the 2024 Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment results.



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For references, visit <https://bit.ly/pedsreadyimpact>.

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