LA Peds Ready 2.0
Kickoff Meeting

Feb 19, 2026

Welcome

The main goal of LA Peds Ready 2.0 is to help provide you with the tools and resources that you need to improve pediatric care in your ED.

You are the stars of this show

We are here to facilitate

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Participating hospitals

- Catalina Island Health
- Cedar Sinai Medical Center
- Cedars Sinai Marina Hospital
- Coast Plaza Hospital
- Children's Hospital Los Angeles
- Dignity Health St. Mary's Hospital
- Emanate Health - Queen of the Valley Hospital
- Foothill Presbyterian Emanate Health
- Garfield Medical Center
- Glendale Memorial Hospital
- Greater El Monte Community Hospital
- Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital
- Hollywood Presbyterian
- Huntington Hospital
- Kaiser Permanente Panorama City
- Kaiser Permanente South Bay
- LAC Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
- Los Angeles General Medical Center
- Memorial Hospital of Gardena
- MemorialCare-Long Beach Memorial Medical Center
- Olive View UCLA Medical Center
- Pacifica Hospital of the Valley
- PIH Downey
- PIH Health Good Samaritan Hospital
- Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center
- Providence Holy Cross Medical Center
- Providence Little Co Mary Torrance
- Providence St. Jude
- Providence Saint John's Health Center
- San Dimas Community Hospital
- St. Francis Medical Center
- UCLA Health Ronald Reagan Medical Center
- UCLA Health Santa Monica Medical Center
- USC Arcadia Hospital
- Torrance Memorial Medical Center
- Whittier Hospital Medical Center

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Let’s Start with Introductions

Please tell us one major challenge or barrier you are currently facing in your work

Please share one success over the past year that you would celebrate

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LA Peds Ready 2.0 Overview

- Building on LA Peds Ready Project (2017-2018)
  - 24 non-EDAP hospitals
- Focus: Pediatric Readiness
- Education + Simulation + Assessment + Support
- Goal: Improve outcomes for children and build confidence in caring for pediatric patients
- Innovation: Train-the-Trainer

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Overview of Activities

- Completion of the 2026 NPRP assessment
- IMPACTs Simulation Platform
- Train-the-Trainer Model
- LA Peds Ready website
- Pediatric Readiness improvement activities
- Free multi-modal resources on pediatric emergency care
- Site visits

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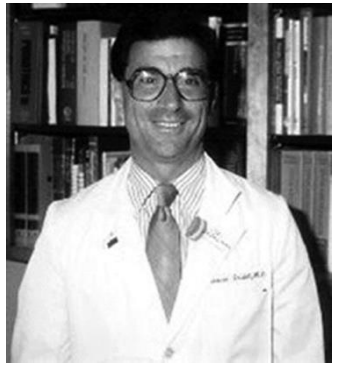
LA Peds Ready 2.0 & Pediatric Readiness

- What is Pediatric Readiness?
- Data about national readiness scores – room for improvement
- LA County is a leader in Pediatric Readiness
  - History
  - Dr. James Seidel
  - Dr. Marianne Gausche-Hill
  - Dr. Kate Remick
- 2013 and 2021 assessment
- Impact and costs of Pediatric Readiness



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The Importance of Pediatric Readiness

- >85% of children receive emergency care in general emergency departments (EDs), not in pediatric-specific facilities.
- However, many EDs see low pediatric volumes, making it harder to prioritize pediatric-specific training, equipment, and systems.
- Pediatric Readiness means having the people, processes, and resources in place to provide high-quality care to children.

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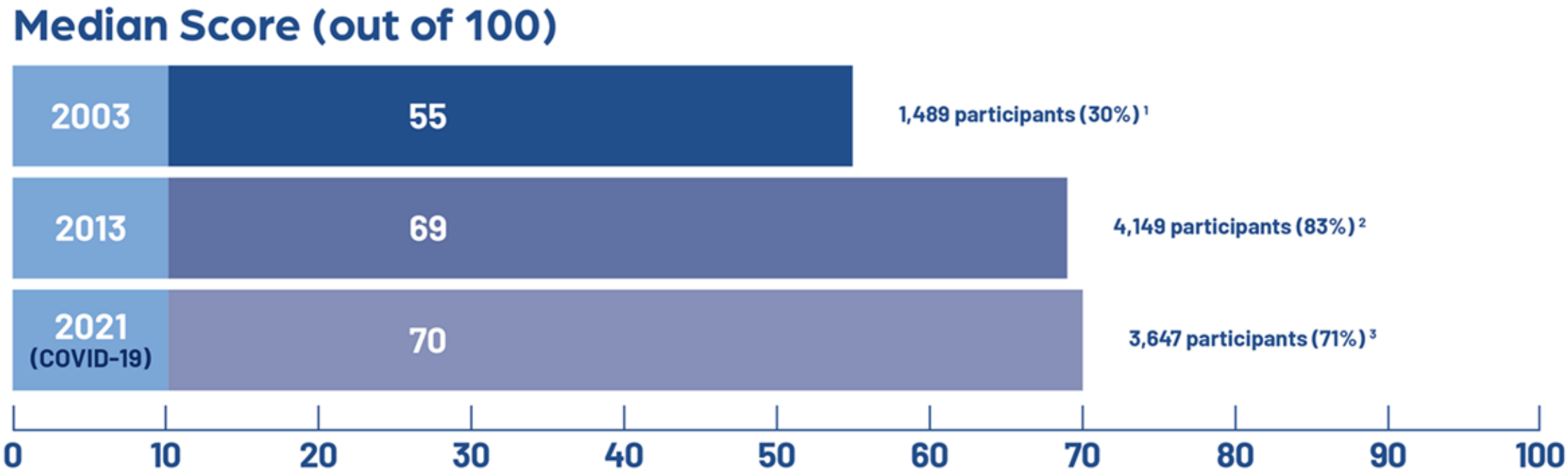
ED Progress Over Time



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Why Improvement Matters

76%
lower mortality risk
in critically ill children.[1,2]

60%
lower mortality risk
in critically injured children.[2]

2,143 children's lives saved *each year*.[3]

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…Plus a High Return on Investment

Achieving high levels of Pediatric Readiness costs hospitals $4-$48 per patient and would cost states $0-$12 per child resident. [1,2]

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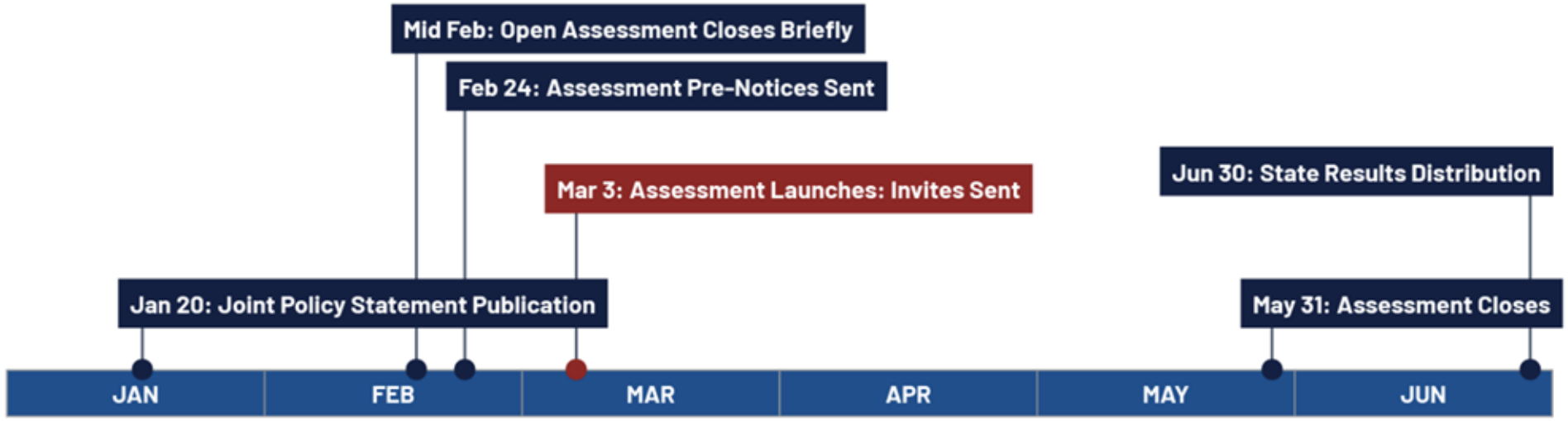
2026 National Pediatric Readiness Assessment

- March-May 2026
- Preceded by marketing campaign
- Prenotice and email communication sent beginning February 24



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2026 Nationwide NPRP Assessment

- March 3-May 31
- Online assessment at PedsReady.org
- 30-45 minutes
- Ability to save progress and return later
- Only ONE assessment can be submitted per ED
- Invitations typically sent to an ED nurse manager who should coordinate response with PECCs, the ED medical director, the trauma coordinator, etc.

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Why the Assessment Matters

- Associated with improved outcomes
- High Pediatric Readiness = lower mortality
- Supports accreditation & quality goals
- Data-driven improvement

- Being pediatric ready means:
  - Reduces delay in care
  - Decreases unnecessary transfers
  - Improves care outcomes

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ImPACTS

IMPROVING PEDIATRIC ACUTE CARE THROUGH SIMULATION

IMPACTs Simulation Platform

- Virtual simulation platform
- Pediatric scenarios
- Team-based learning
- Debriefing tools
- QI integration

SimBox+
Leveraging technology for learning anywhere

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Train-the-Trainer Model

- Build internal champions at non-EDAP
- Simulation support EDAPs & non-EDAPs
- Pediatric Liaison Nurse Mentors
- Standardized curriculum
- Scalable education
- Sustainability

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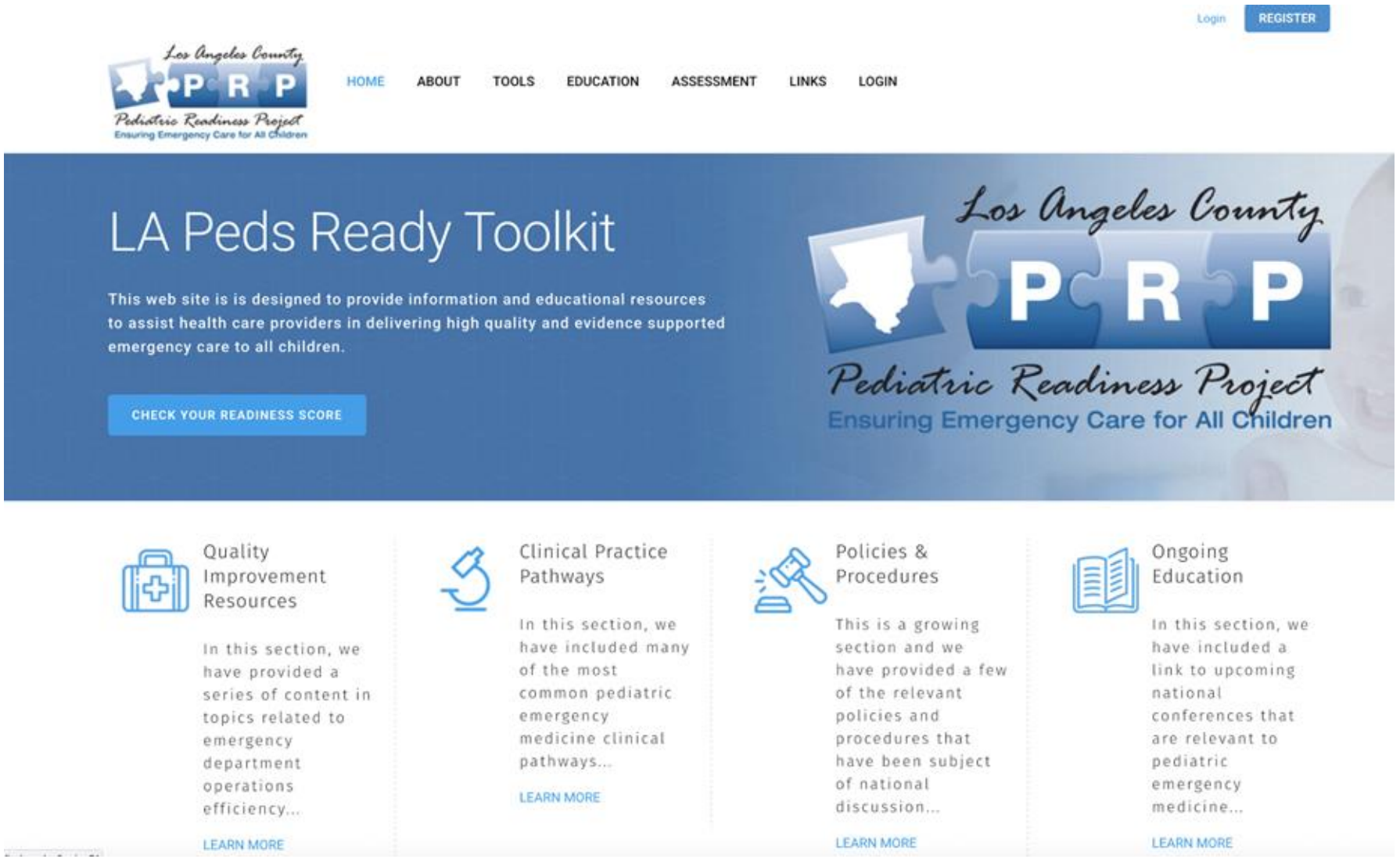
LA Peds Ready Website



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Role

- [ ] PdLN
- [ ] Nurse Pediatric Champion
- [ ] Physician champion
- [ ] Others

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LA PEDS ED PECC MODULE SERIES

EIIC INTERACTIVE MODULES

EIIC PEDIATRIC EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY KITS (PEAKS)

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ED PECC Module Series

Strengthen Pediatric Emergency Care with New Free Modules

By Mohsen Saidinejad, MD, MBA, FACEP, and Robin Goodman, MSN, RN, CPEN | on February 3, 2026 | 0 Comment

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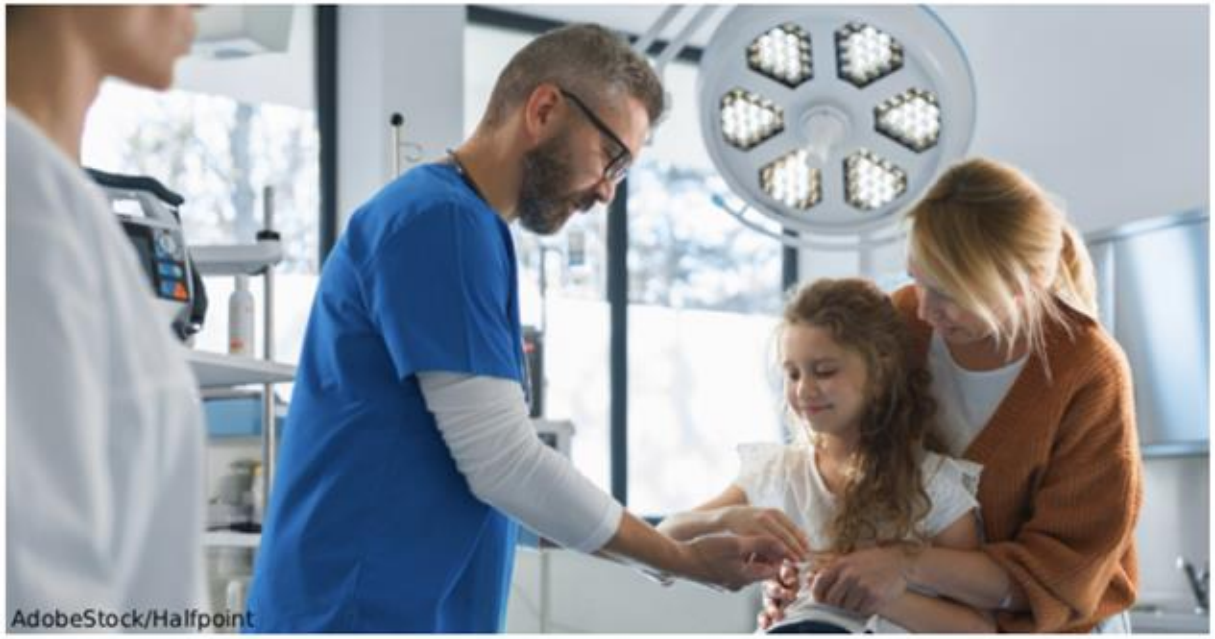

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ED PECC Module Series

Module 1 **The Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC)** Overview of the role and responsibilities	**Module 2** **The Role of the PECC and Pediatric Readiness** How PECCs advance readiness and improve outcomes	**Module 3** **PECC Models and Best Practices** Exploring PECC models, key responsibilities for best practices
Module 4 **Pediatric Patient and Medication Safety** Practical steps to improve safety in medication and care delivery	**Module 5** **Equipment, Supplies, and Medications** Ensuring pediatric-specific resources are available and organized	**Module 6** **Policies, Procedures, and Protocols** Building systems that integrate pediatric considerations into daily practice
Module 7 **Care Team Competencies** Assessing and maintaining pediatric skillsets among staff	**Module 8** **Support Services** Partnering with radiology and laboratory to deliver comprehensive pediatric care	**Module 9** **Quality and Process Improvement** Using validated measures to drive ongoing improvement in pediatric outcomes

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EIIC PEAK Topics

PEAK: Status Epilepticus

PEAK: Suicide

PEAK: Pain

PEAK: Agitation

PEAK: Child Abuse

PEAK: Multisystem Trauma

PEAK: Procedural Sedation

PEAK: Sepsis

PEAK: Blunt Head Trauma

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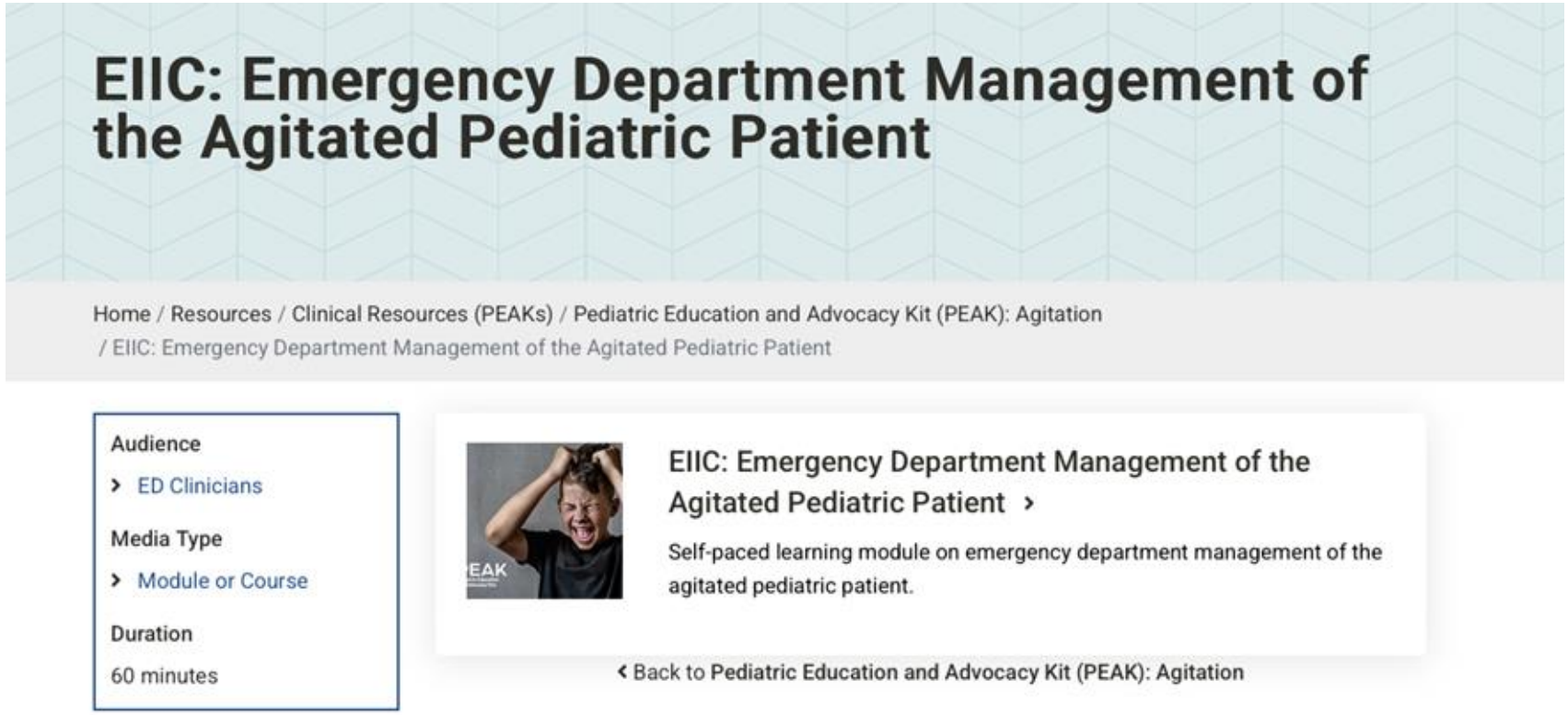
EIIC Interactive Modules



- Agitation
- Status Epilepticus
- Suicide

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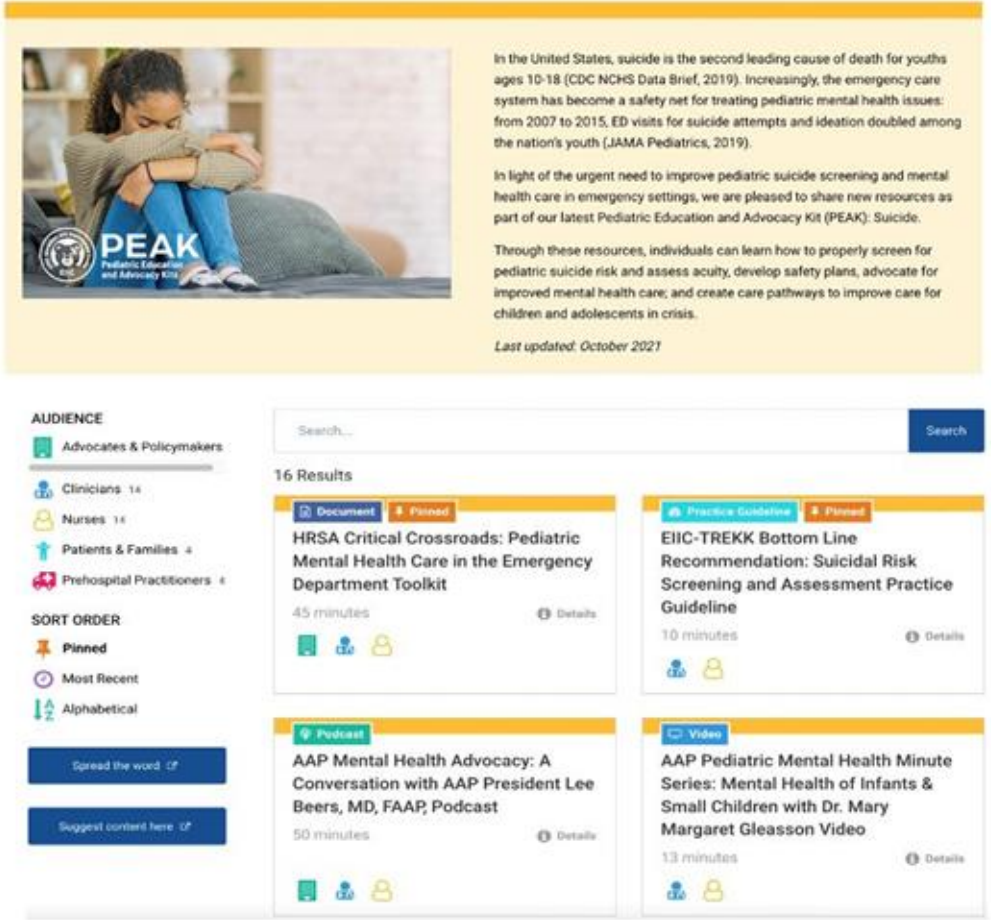
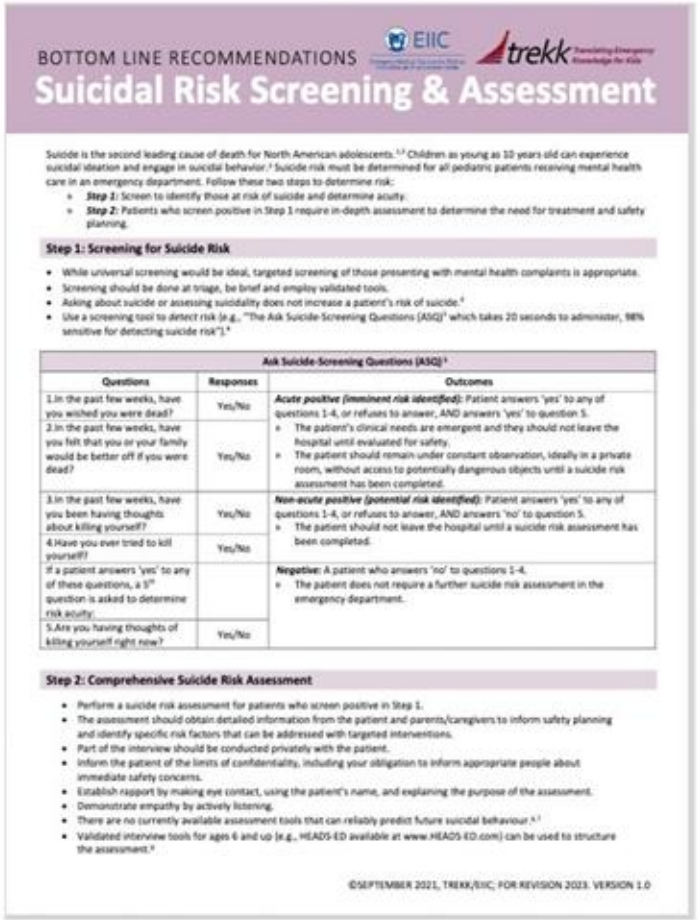
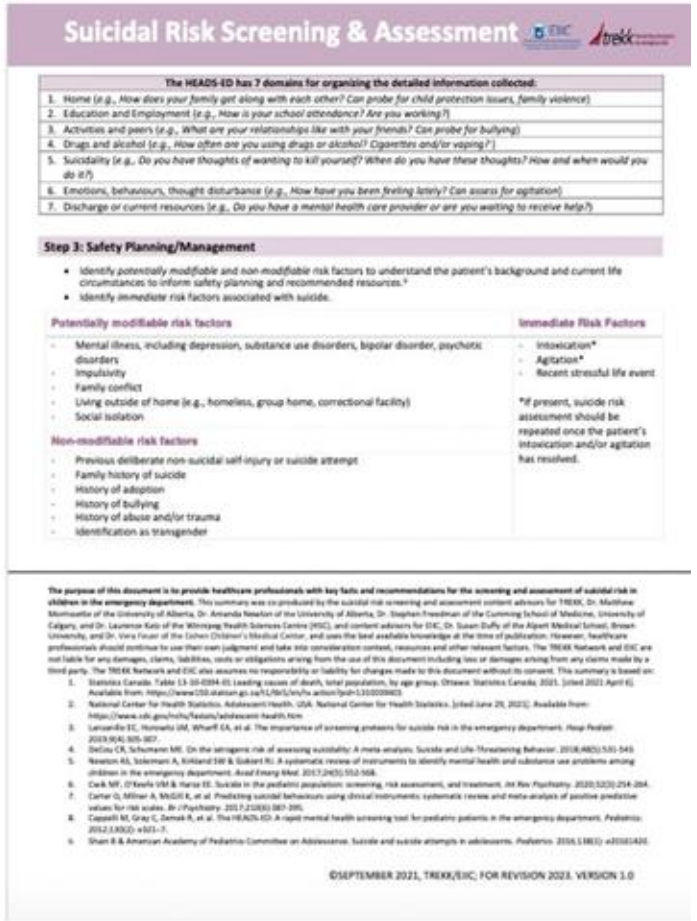
PEAK: Suicide







Special Pathogens Educational Material

- Pediatric-specific protocols
- PPE readiness
- Isolation workflows
- Identification of a child with complicated influenza-like-illness
- Simulation integration
- Content to review:
  - Algorithm, approach to a child suspected of highly contagious infection
  - PPE and isolation consideration
  - Podcast on high consequence infectious disease agent

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In-Person Half-Day Visits

- Target: Non-EDAP hospitals
- Half-day structured visits
- 4 simulation cases
  - Scheduled and facilitated by LA Peds Ready 2.0 team
  - EDAP PdLN mentor works with site clinical staff during simulated cases
- Hands-on support
- Performance and gap analysis for mentor and mentee to work on

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Pediatric Readiness Improvement Activities

Activity	Time commitment	Timeline	Complete by
Complete 2026 NPRP Assessment	45 minutes	March 3, 2026-May 31, 2026	May 31, 2026
Gap analysis and identification of improvement goal	10-20 hours	June 1, 2026-July 31, 2027	September 2027
PECC Module series EIIC PEAK site	2 hours 2-3 hours	July 15, 2026 –November 30, 2026	December 1, 2026
Interactive learning modules	2-3 hours	August 1, 2026-November 30, 2026	December 1, 2026
SimBox simulation	3-4 hours	August 15, 2026-May 31, 2027	June 30, 2027
Special pathogens (H5N1) content review	1-2 hours	October 15, 2026-January 31, 2027	February 1, 2027
Site visit	4-5 hours	June 15, 2026 - October 31, 2026	Nov 1, 2027
Post-participation NPRP open assessment	45 minutes	October 1, 2027-December 1, 2027	December 2027

Your participation is extremely valuable

- Helps build your EDs Pediatric Readiness
- Access to Pediatric Readiness resources
- Access to pediatric emergency care education
- Develop a simulation program to team build and practice pediatric emergency care skills
- The goal is to develop sustainable and ongoing connection with your mentors and continued Pediatric Readiness

- Each hospital will receive $2000 for participation

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Next Steps

- Identify a Pediatric Champion
- Connect with your PdLN mentor
- Print the PDF of the 2026 NPRP Assessment on March 3
- Submit your EDs NPRP Assessment during the 2026 Nationwide Assessment period (March 3 - May 31).
- Review your NPRP Gap Report with your mentor
- Record your progress activities
- Reach out if you need help

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Open Discussion

- What excites you most?
- What feels challenging?
- What would make this most helpful?
- What's missing?

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