

	Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee September 3, 2025 @ 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM 653 West Pratt Street - Room 212 Baltimore, MD 21201 In Person Meeting	
Type of meeting:	Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee <i>PEMAC Business Meeting @ 9:30 AM – 12 Noon</i> <i>Networking Lunch 12:00 PM for those attending in person</i> Safe Kids Maryland state coalition meeting @ 12:30 – 2:30 PM	
Member & Liaison Attendees	Steve White MD; Karen O’Connell MD; Jennifer Guyther MD; Jessica Williams RN; Laurel Moody RN; Liz Berg RN; Cyndy Wright-Johnson RN; Danielle Joy RN; Jennifer Anders MD; Mary Ellen Wilson RN; Susanne Ogaitis-Jones, MSPH	
Virtual	Suzanna Martin MD; Liz Berg RN; Jen Denault RN; Andrew Robertson NRP; Scott Legore NRP; Bruce Kline MD; Corina Noje MD; Rupal Udeshi MD; Yonnia Waggoner RN; Jon Longest NRP	
Guests:	Emily Dorosz RN; Meg Stein NRP;	
RSVP regrets:	Richard High EMT; Jill Dannenfelser RN; Lisa Wilson, EMT; Ryan Stacey NRP	
	Agenda & Committee Approved Minutes	
9:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions 1. Member Roll Call and brief introduction of visitors & guest 2. List of Documents, Liaison & Committee Reports 3. Volunteer present in Room 212 to monitor the CHAT	Cynthia Wright Johnson RN
9:35 AM	PEMAC Business: 1. July 2, 2025 Minutes reviewed with motion to approve by Jennifer Guyther MD and seconded by Jessica Williams RN, unanimous approval. 2. 2025 Meeting Schedule posted and e-appointments sent ★ November Meeting & Research Forum in the afternoon 3. New Member: EMS Education Liaison – Jonathan Longest 4. Vacancy: Region 1 Pediatric Medical Director 5. Membership requirement is attendance @ 3 in-person meetings	Laurel Moody RN Cyndy Wright Johnson RN
9:45 AM	PEMAC September 2025 Consent Agenda: 1. EMSC & Safe Kids Update – handout 2. Pediatric Readiness Update – handout 3. 2025 Educational Conference List – handout 4. CPS & OP Grant Update – handout 5. Injury Prevention updates & links listed within the agenda	EMSC Department Staff Team
10:00 AM	Maryland EMSC Department & SP Grant Updates: State Update: 1. EMSC EDC has released state NPPRP aggregate state specific data in extensive document that is under review and will be shared with EMS Champions at the Oct Forum. 2. 2026 Forum calendar is DRAFTED for all three (EMS, RN, Physician) champion groups, with virtual and in person forums planned. 3. NPRP (Hospital) Survey will launch in March 2026 based upon new AAP/ACEP/ENA Policy Statement and Technical Report (pending publication soon) 4. FFY 2025 grants for 58 State Partnership grantees was fully funded in early July and carry over funds approved for Pediatric Readiness, FAN, and QI Activities.	Cyndy Wright Johnson RN

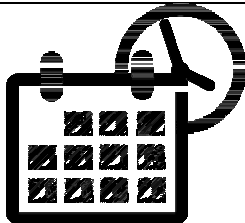
	5. MD EMSC will be hosting a Pediatric Seminar for EMS and ED professionals in February 2026 supported by Carry Over funds. Location to be determined soon and open to Champions and all clinicians.  PM 1.0 National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP): 2026 Survey planned (HRSA/EMSC) for March – May 2026. Maryland EMSC will again provide training for survey participation prior to the launch and Office Hours (separate from Application) to support completion. - Pediatric Nurse Champion Forum – July 23rd joint virtual forum featured presentations on hospital ED disaster tools and exercises/ drills. - Pediatric Nurse Champion Forum – October 8th – Burn Care presentation by Amy Stanton (JHCC Burn ED Nurse) (virtual) - Pediatric Physician Champion Forum in July 30 provide updates on Pediatric Readiness and Lecture on Sepsis by Anne Kane MD (JHCC PED). October 29th forum will focus on Pediatric Respiratory Illness and is being coordinated with AAP & ACEP. - ENPC Course Scholarships – remain available in partnership with Maryland ENA Council 2025 planning: - Pediatric competencies & Pediatric simulation - Pediatric Transfer checklist – for community hospitals work group and template for simulations  PM 2.0 – Prehospital EMS Pediatric Readiness (NPPRP) - Joint Champion Forum in July included summary of the TEEX Pediatric Disaster Management Course held in June by UMMS Capital Region. - Pediatric EMS Champions Forum –Fall In Person Forum will be October 22, 2025 at MIEMSS HQ - PEPP instructor/ coordinator development and medical director development within courses continues on the Eastern Shore. Many are looking forward to PEPP 5th edition in Spring 2026. - EMSC Grant efforts are focused on skills and scenarios rollout into the EMSOP and local training/ drills - New Champion on boarding meeting September 10th 2025 - Fall QCPR manikin use and update will be held this fall in all six locations. MIEMSS EMSC Updates and Current Projects  BLS Committee update: July 31, 2025 the new EMT recertification requirement went into effect. There are two pathways to recertify that are described in detail on the website: https://www.miemss.org/home/renewal-certification. The changes include a requirement for 2 hours of Pediatric training which allow Maryland EMSC to meet the Federal EMSC Performance Measures for Continuing Education. Maryland meets and exceeds them for ALS.  ALS Committee update: Discussed clinical preceptor site challenges and continues to work on 2026 State Content. Suggestions for new pediatric content are encouraged- please contact Danielle Joy – pepp@miemss.org.	Mary Ellen Wilson RN Jennifer Anders MD Danielle Joy RN NRP Danielle Joy RN NRP
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	 Pediatric Reference Card & Posters remain available in large quantities for pick up or delivery. Also at PEMAC meetings. 1. Peds Reference Card & Posters – EMS / ED available 2. Pediatric Trauma Card – distribution to ED to guide assessment, treatment and diagnostic procedures 3. Pediatric Trauma & Burn Poster MIEMSS EMSC Department updates: Pediatric Facility Recognition update  Facility Recognition Process started in April 2025 with rolling applications. The application is online format using both Sharefile & Smart Sheets with one point of contact for each hospital location. EMSC is hosting Office Hours monthly & Update to the website page with sample policies as they are shared. Application and Site visit on rolling basis throughout the year.	Cyndy Wright Johnson RN Jen Anders MD
10:30 AM	 PM 03: Family Centered Care Sub Committee 1. Right Care Awards for 2026– application OPEN and ongoing See new flyer and online link - https://www.miemss.org/home/Public/Awards 2. FAN committee recruitment ongoing- looking for Eastern Shore representation. 3. 2025-2026 funding for new material on Park, Look, Lock messaging that is easy to distribute and is smaller than posters. 4. Planning for MSFA Steps to Safety 2026 will start in early spring 5. There was no update from National FAN (EIIC work)	Lisa Wilson EMT
10:45 AM	 PM 04: Disaster Preparedness 1. Region 3 Pediatric Subcommittee HCC will meet in the fall 2. Region 1 & 2 3. Region 4 4. Region 5 – planning spring 2026 conference 5. TEEX Pediatric Course 439: Carroll County in February 2026. Online registration is at: https://teex.org/class/mgt439/ 6. National Pediatric Pandemic Network – Podcasts launched @ https://pedspandemicnetwork.org/ready-prep-go/	Cyndy Wright Johnson RN for Rob Carter RN NRP
11:00 AM	Maryland Protocols for EMS Providers 1. 2025 Protocols are available in spiral version (\$10) or notebook size (\$25). The APP will be updated by the time of this meeting and online mobile version is on the MIEMSS website - https://www.miemss.org/home/Portals/0/Docs/Guidelines_Protocols/MD-Medical-Protocols-2025-Hyperlinked-HR-05062025.pdf 2. 2025 Protocol Update for Base Stations is online through MIEMSS YouTube account:	Jen Anders MD Meg Stein NPR

	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NrgwBOD5I4I 3. Each section of the 2025 Protocol Update for EMS is also posted on MIEMSS YouTube account: https://www.youtube.com/@MarylandEMS/videos 2026 New protocols for discussion: (July 2026 implementation) 1. NEW: Critically Unstable Patient for all ages that expands 2.4 – new language proposed for joint pediatric and adult combined protocol. Language for decision to transport remains in discussion and will hopefully be finalized at the PRC meeting next week. 2. Newly Born Resuscitation – align ALS sequencing and language to BLS & review in fall with 9th edition of NRP release 3. Seizure medication routes reviewed. No changes recommended 4. Consolidation of some Medical Protocols with both Adult and Pediatric will be shared with Office of Medical Director. The goal is to consolidate, not change the protocols. Protocol update suggestions must go through a full review process. Grammar and consistency will be handled through administrative updates.	
11:30 AM	Maryland Organizations & Committees 📁 AAP Updates www.mdaap.org: September 13, 2025 is the 75th Anniversary meeting and dinner for Maryland AAP. EMSC sent prevention and pediatric ready materials for the conference informational exchange. 📁 ACEP Updates - www.mdacep.org: National Conference is next week with delegate assembly prior. 📁 ENA Updates - www.mdena.org: General Assembly will be held in September with two proposed Resolutions related to Pediatric Readiness and conference will follow for three days. PECC (or Champion) Meeting is being organized for a SIG meeting. November 7 2025 is the MidMaryland ENA Conference at Holy Cross hospital. Eventbrite registration is open. ENPC courses: are scheduled at Sinai, CNH, Frederick and PM Pediatrics this fall. 📁 SCHOOL HEALTH Updates: 📁 Maryland Center for School Safety: held their annual conference at Turf Valley in July with strong participation. https://schoolsafety.maryland.gov/ 📁 Critical Care Updates: List of conferences set for the calendars. MidAtlantic Transport Conference will be at MITAGS again in February 2026. AAP NEC will include workshop for Transport Medical Directors. Section will also meet. 📁 Commercial Ambulance Service Advisory Committee: no report specific to pediatrics. 📁 Jurisdictional Affairs Committee (JAC @ MIEMS):no report from JAC at this time. Please see written summary of submitted reports	Bruce Klein MD Suzanna Martin MD Emily Dorosz for Yonnia Waggoner RN Laurel Moody RN Liz Berg RN Scott Legore NRP for Jill Dannensfelser RN Rick High EMT & Chris Truitt NRP

11:45 AM	Injury Prevention Sub Committee & Updates EMSC: CPS & OP Healthcare Project (Maryland DOT cps@miemss.org) ➤ Special Transport Workshop held in July features case studies and was well received. ➤ Webinar held on Preschool Safe Transport (archived on YouTube). ➤ Information installation card of NeoMate was completed and printed for quick reference. ➤ Slim Fit All in One Car Seat for EMS Supervisor project has been completed. 3 year pilot gathered information from different EMSOP transport options. Remaining seats will be distributed to EMS training programs for general CPS awareness. Safe Kids 2025 Meetings following PEMAC: Maryland SK September 3, 2025 PrevCon 2025 – October 15-18 2025 @ Gaylord National Harbor Public Fire & Life Safety Educator Seminar – March 21st 2026 @ MFRI will provide a standardized training from NFPA calls “Steps to Safety” focused on senior adult fire and fall safety. EMSC will support with Safe Kids Grandparent resources. Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference – October 24, 2025 @ Doubletree Annapolis (new location and date) Maryland Risk Watch/ MSFA –Full typed report is available Partnership for Safer Maryland www.safermaryland.org TraumaNET – https://www.maryland-traumanet.com/	Susanne Ogaitis Jones MSPH Cyndy Wright Johnson RN
11:50 AM	Old Business: none raised	Committee
11:55 AM	New Business Publications: Anders J F, Anderson C, Wright-Johnson C, et al. (February 09, 2025) <u>Improving the Quality of Pediatric Basic Life Support Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation With a Novel Method: The Maryland Hiccup</u>. Cureus 17(2): e78783. doi:10.7759/cureus.78783	Committee
12:00 PM	Adjournment & Networking	Committee
12:30 – 3:00	Safe Kids Maryland State Coalition Meeting	All are welcome

Next Meeting November 5, 2025 @ MIEMSS
9:30 – 12:00 Noon PEMAC Business Meeting and
12:30 – 3:00 PM Research Forum

EMSC Meetings and Education	Pediatric EMS Champion Forums Pediatric Nurse Champion Forums Pediatric Physician Champion Forums 2025 Schedule posted on the Maryland EMSC Pediatric Readiness website: https://www.miemss.org/home/EMS-for-Children/Pediatric-Readiness	
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State PEMAC meetings are held at the MIEMSS Central Office. If you would like to participate through web base meeting, a recurring GoToMeeting link has been created except for the May annual in person meeting. In-person attendance is required at 50% meetings annually to meet the EMSC State Partnership Grant metrics.



Emergency Medical Services for Children

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems



Maryland EMS for Children Department Update: September 2025 Update

Advocacy: Prevention Messaging for Fall:

- ✚ **Back To School Safety** <https://www.schoolsafety.gov/back-to-school-campaign>
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/school-bus-safety/keeping-children-safe>
- ✚ **Child Passenger Safety Week:**
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/car-seats-and-booster-seats/child-passenger-safety-week>
<https://www.miemss.org/home/emsc/cps>
- ✚ **September is National Preparedness Month**
<https://www.weather.gov/news/211709-fall-safety-tips>
<https://www.ready.gov/september>
- ✚ **October Observances:**
Safe to Sleep / SIDS & SUID Awareness Month - <https://safetosleep.nichd.nih.gov/resources/toolkit>
Fire Prevention Week: <https://www.nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week>
Teen Driver Awareness: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/teen-driver-safety>

Pediatric Education EMS and Emergency Department Professionals:

- 🚑 **PaxRiver EMS Conference** will be held at LaPlata Campus of College of Southern Maryland 10/17 -19/2025
- 🚑 **Maryland ENA Conferences:** Mid Maryland Chapter November 7th @ Holy Cross Hospital (Eventbrite)
- 🚑 **2026 Conference** planning has started. Please email topics and speaker suggestions pepp@miemss.org
 - **STABLE** course will be the pediatric preconference @ Winterfest and Miltenberger (EMS & ED)

	National EMSC Updates: EMS Assessment on Pediatric Readiness- state reports were released from EDC in August EMSC PEAK: New Sepsis Toolkit - https://emscimprovement.center/news/new-peak-sepsis-toolkit/ EMSC EDC: Public Prehospital Pediatric Quality Measures Dashboard (NEMSIS) https://nemsis.org/public-prehospital-pediatric-quality-measures-dashboard/ PECARN: Pediatric Cervical Spine Injury Risk Assessment Tool (https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642(24)00104-4/abstract)
	Pediatric Pandemic Network: online learning library - https://learn.pedspandemicnetwork.org/course/?fp2course=1 Pediatric Disaster Centers for Excellence have a website that will have products developed by the three ASPR funded regions. https://www.pediatricdisaster.org/
	Maryland EMSC Updates: EMSC State Partnership Grant 2023-2027: focuses on Pediatric Readiness criteria and resources for hospitals and EMS, pediatric specific disasters planning, and family engagement that represent Maryland's children and their families. Plans for February Pediatric Seminar are underway. FAN: Right Care When It Counts awards nominations are OPEN for 2026 (new flyers are available) https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2c1921de91fc485aa3121d9fce33f23b Due Date: February 1st annually with Star of Life Awards deadline New page of EMSC Web resources: https://www.miemss.org/home/EMS-for-Children/Pediatric-Readiness
	✚ Safe Kids Maryland & Risk Watch Maryland Update: "Steps to Safety" interactive displays @ MSFA Convention June 2025 in O.C. reached families and EMS/Fire/Rescue from across Maryland. Safe Kids Month grant provided 86 helmets for children and youth. ✚ CPS Healthcare Project: CPS Technician courses for 2025 are posted @ https://cert.safekids.org/become-tech . Specific training is available - contact cps@miemss.org. ✚ CPS August 28, 2025 Webinar: Safeguarding Our Future: Best Practices for Transporting Preschool Children with a Focus on Safety Standards & Accessibility (archived MIEMSS YouTube) ✚ Safe Kids Worldwide PrevCon: October 15-18 2025 @ Gaylord in Prince George's County https://prevcon.org/



Pediatric Readiness Program & Education Update September 2025



Joint Pediatric EMS and Nurse Champion Update

- 🔊 Joint EMS and Nurse forum held on Wed July 23rd with focus on Pediatric Disaster Preparedness. Presentation posted in EMSC Champion Sharefile.

Pediatric EMS Champion Update

- 🔊 Pediatric **EMS Champion** Ongoing Projects
 - New Champion Onboarding Meeting will occur on September 10th at 10:00 AM
 - Meeting goals include review of Champions roles & responsibilities, available education and simulation resources, and a discussion of jurisdictional best practices
 - Meeting will be recorded and available for future new Champions to assist in onboarding
 - Next forum will be held Wednesday, October 22nd. Forum will be held in-person @ MIEMSS HQ.

Pediatric Nurse Champion Update

- 🐼 Maryland Pediatric Facility Recognition Program is live. [Application available on EMSC webpage](#)
- 🔊 Pediatric **Nurse Champion**
 - Pediatric Facility Recognition Program “Office Hours” to address questions about the application and process
 - September 10, 2025 12:00 - 13:30
 - Additional dates to be posted & shared with ED Pediatric Champions
 - FAQ document from Office hours posted on webpage
 - ENPC Course scholarships for Pediatric ED Champions (or designee) are available.
 - Pediatric Readiness Display at Topics in Trauma conference in Salisbury on September 19, 2025
 - Next forum will be **Wed, Oct 8 from 12:00 PM -1:30pm Pediatric Burns**

Pediatric Physician/APP Champion Update

- 🔊 Pediatric **Physician/APP Champion** Forum held July 30th 2025 from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM featuring an update on management of pediatric sepsis and an update on MD Pediatric Facility Recognition Program along with Collaborative program ideas.
- 🔊 Next forum will be **virtual October 29th, 2025 from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM** and will include the plans for joint AAP COPEM and ACPE Pediatric committee collaborations

Pediatric Education Updates

- 📄 Pediatric Reference poster and Pediatric Reference Cards have been distributed to through EMS and ED Nurse Champions. Additional copies are available upon request (targeted for all working in EMS & ED)
- 📄 Pediatric Trauma and Burn Reference Cards & Posters are now available upon request
- 📄 Winterfest 2026 and Miltenberger 2026 conferences will include a **S.T.A.B.L.E.** (Sugar, Temperature, Airway, Blood pressure, Lab work, Emotional support 7th Edition) **Course** for both EMS and ED clinicians. S.T.A.B.L.E. focuses on the first few hours of care for newly born infants – post the APGAR, post resuscitation and pre-transport. Registration will be through each conference’s web portal. Brochures coming this fall.



CPS & OP Healthcare Project
EMS for Children Program @ MIEMSS
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PEMAC UPDATE – September 3, 2025
The CPS & OP Healthcare Project

- Coordinated and held the half-day “Special Transportation Considerations for Children: A Workshop for Safety Advocates and CPSTs” on July 30th. Sixteen CPSTs attended and 5 CPSTs with expertise in adaptive occupant protection taught the sessions, which were evaluated very positively.
- Helped teach two Child Passenger Safety Technician certification courses: the Frederick course (11 students) and the Kent Island Course (5 students).
- Helped at a mock seat check to assist CPSTs in meeting their recertification requirements on Aug 7 at Laurel VFD.
- Ordered and provided on extended loan a “Wallenberg” adaptive restraint for the OT/CPST at Sinai Hospital’s Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopedics.
- Coordinated a webinar, “Safeguarding Our Future: Best Practices for Transporting Preschool Children with a Focus on Safety Standards and Accessibility” on Aug 28. Denise Donaldson, CPST/I was the speaker. 104 pre-registered and 60 attended. CEUs were available for CPSTs. Evaluations were very positive. Webinar will be archived at www.miemss.org/home/emsc/cps with CEUs still available.
- Conducted a training on 7/31 and provided an all-in-one car seat for the Howard County EMS Pathways program to use to educate high school students potentially seeking careers in emergency health.
- Attended the Maryland CPS Update on July 29th.
- Conducted a training for the ED manager at UM Baltimore-Washington Medical Center and provided 6 car seats for them to distribute in emergency situations.
- Helped at 3 car seat checks: 7/11 in East Baltimore; 8/23 at Kent Island Fire Dept; and 8/26 at Pikesville VFD. Senior-checked one CPST and checked 3 cars/3 families.
- Lent MIEMSS’ two outdoor temperature displays educating on pediatric vehicular heatstroke four times since the last PEMAC meeting; one loan was to the MD Highway Safety Office for a 3 week period in which they used it at several events.
- Continued to provide car seats for needy families, giving out 14 car seats to 5 different hospitals and one Safe Kids coalition. Receiving agencies are primarily mother-baby units in hospitals, but also EDs, NICUs, Peds, and Safe Kids-Maryland partners.

- ✉ The promotional flyers for regional car seat checks are available from MD KISS, online at: MDH.kiss@maryland.gov
- ✉ CPS Technician certification courses for 2025 are posted and registration is open. Go to www.cert.safekids.org for details or to sign up.
- ✉ This grant can pay registration fees for healthcare clinicians who apply & are pre-approved.

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Maryland EMS For Children

2025 EMS, EMSC & Life Safety Educational Conferences



Miltenerberger Emergency Services Seminar: March 7 & 8, 2025
Rocky Gap Casino & Resort in Flintstone, Maryland
[Pediatric Readiness Preconference held at Rocky Gap](#)

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar: March 22, 2025
MFRI HQ in College Park, Maryland

Maryland Highway Safety Summit: April 29, 2025
Hilton Baltimore BWI Hotel

Maryland ENA by the Bay State Conference May 1 & 2, 2025
Akerson Tower @ the US Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium

POINT/COUNTERPOINT XLII 2025: May 15-16, 2025
Maryland Committee on Trauma Conference in Baltimore, MD

2025 Spring Topics in EMS: May 23, 2025
Virtual Conference hosted by Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

PREPARE 2025: School Safety Conference July 16 & 17, 2025
Turf Vally Resort, Ellicott City MD

2025 Topics in Trauma Conference: September 19, 2025
Tidalhealth Education Center in Salisbury, Maryland
Register will be online at www.tidalhealth.org/trauma-conference



Patuxent River EMS Conference: October 17-19, 2025
College of Southern Maryland in La Plata, Maryland
Register online at <https://paxriveremsconference.square.site/>

66th MidAtlantic Life Safety Conference: October 24, 2025
Doubletree Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland
For more information, visit <https://www.fabscom.org>

Mid Maryland ENA Memorial Conference: November 7, 2025
Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland
[More information and registration link pending](#)



Meritus Trauma Conference: December 12, 2025
Meritus Medical Center in Hagerstown, Maryland
[More information and registration link coming](#)



Winterfest EMS Conference: January 30th – February 1st, 2026
Easton High School in Easton, Maryland
Pediatric Pre-conference: The S.T.A.B.L.E. Program
[More information and registration link coming](#)



This star indicates a new conference posting. More conferences & seminars will be added as dates are finalized

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