

# PEDIATRIC READINESS SAVES LIVES

Pediatric readiness is ensuring that every emergency department (ED) is ready to provide the unique care required by acutely ill and injured children.



**~80%**

of children seek emergency care in general EDs, most of which see less than 15 pediatric patients a day.<sup>1</sup>

**2011**

was when the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) was established to measure and advance systems-level improvements to pediatric emergency care.

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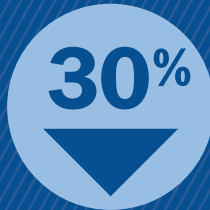
organizations support the project:

- Emergency Medical Services for Children
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American College of Emergency Physicians
- Emergency Nurses Association

High pediatric readiness is associated with decreased mortality.



mortality rates in EDs.<sup>2</sup>



mortality rates in trauma centers.<sup>3</sup>



The presence of a pediatric emergency care coordinator is one of the strongest drivers of improved pediatric readiness.<sup>4</sup>

Measuring readiness is the first step to improvement.



National assessments took place in 2003, 2013, and 2021.

**3,647**



EDs participated in the 2021 assessment, which included 81 questions.<sup>5</sup>



Scores are on a scale of 0-100, with 100 being the highest score.

But pediatric readiness is more than scores.  
*It's about continual improvement over time.*

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focus areas are covered by readiness guidelines.

- The Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator
- Patient Safety & Family-Centered Care
- Equipment, Supplies, & Medications
- Policies & Procedures
- Care Team Competencies
- Communication & Collaboration Across Systems of Care
- Quality Improvement

**50+**

improvement resources are available in the NPRP toolkit.



Improve your pediatric readiness today!  
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