

Topic: National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) Nationwide Assessment and New Joint Guidelines

Audience: Emergency Departments Clinicians (Nurses, Physicians, and any other ED-Based Clinicians)

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Use this blurb to explain the NPRP Nationwide Assessment and New Joint Guidelines

Updated National Standards for EDs Have Potential To Save Over 2,100 Children's Lives Each Year

A newly updated joint policy statement from the the leading experts in emergency medicine, emergency nursing, pediatrics, and surgical trauma outlines the essential actions every emergency department (ED) must take to deliver safe, effective care for children. The joint statement informs the work of the National Pediatric Readiness Project and its upcoming nationwide assessment, which opens March 3. The recommendations continue to highlight proven steps to improve care, such as appointing nurse and physician pediatric emergency care coordinators, using weight-based resuscitation and dosing tools, and tracking pediatric quality indicators. Updates include more emphasis on pediatric clinical pathways and protocols, standardized suicide screening, routine multidisciplinary review of pediatric deaths and adverse events, and immediately available, portable, weight-based pediatric resuscitation carts.

Why this matters: High Pediatric Readiness in EDs is associated with up to 76% lower mortality risk in children. If all EDs met these standards, research suggests over 2,100 children's lives could be saved each year.

Participating in the 2026 assessment helps your ED align with the latest evidence and save lives! Learn more at a [free webinar](#) on Thursday, Feb. 12, or start improving your Pediatric Readiness today through resources available at pediatricreadiness.org.

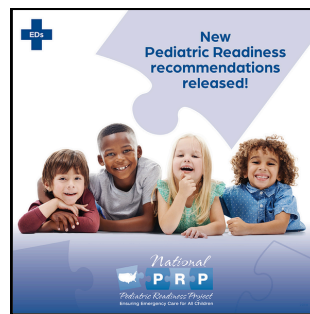


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- Updated ED recommendations AND an updated checklist are now available, just ahead of the upcoming March 3 assessment! See what's new: <https://emscimprovement.center/domains/pediatric-readiness-project/selected-publications/> @emscimprovement

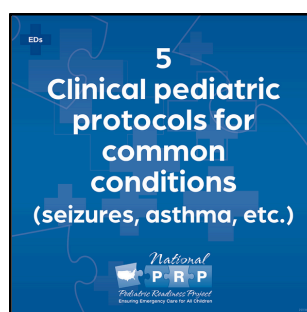
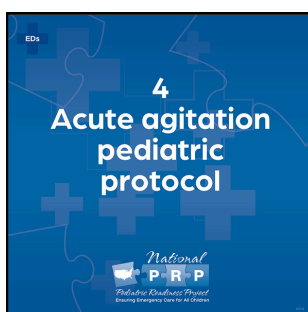
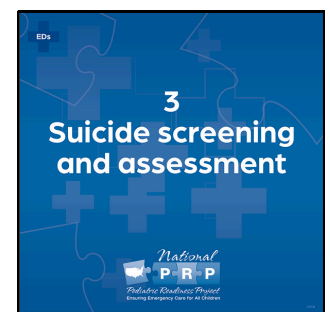
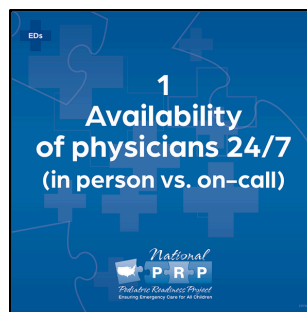
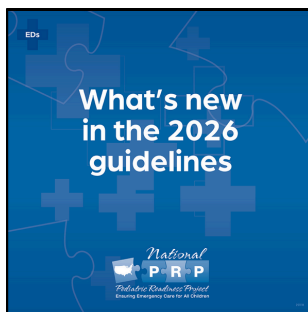
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- What's new in the 2026 ED Pediatric Readiness joint guidelines and therefore in the upcoming national assessment? Scroll through to see some areas of increased emphasis → or read the guidelines here: <https://emscimprovement.center/domains/pediatric-readiness-project/selected-publications/> @emscimprovement

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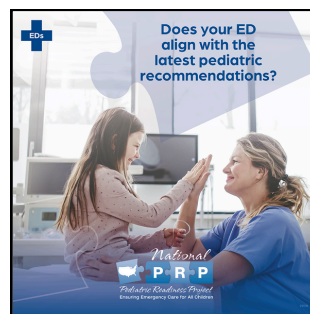
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- New guidelines means a new nationwide assessment. Learn what's new and get ready for the next Pediatric Readiness assessment for EDs, opening March 2026! <https://pedsready.org/> @emscimprovement

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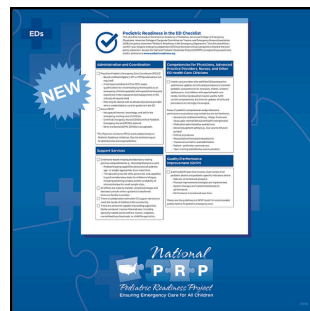
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- Get the newly updated ED Pediatric Readiness checklist: <https://emscimprovement.center/domains/pediatric-readiness-project/readiness-toolkit/readiness-ED-checklist/> @emscimprovement

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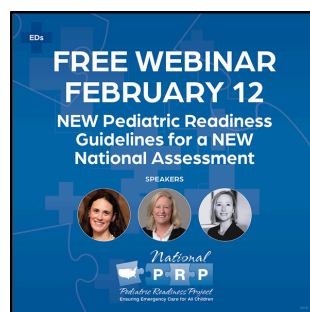
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- Learn about the life-saving potential and low cost of Pediatric Readiness, what's new in the recently updated guidelines, and how to prepare for the 2026 assessment. <https://emscimprovement.center/education-and-resources/webinars/> @emscimprovement

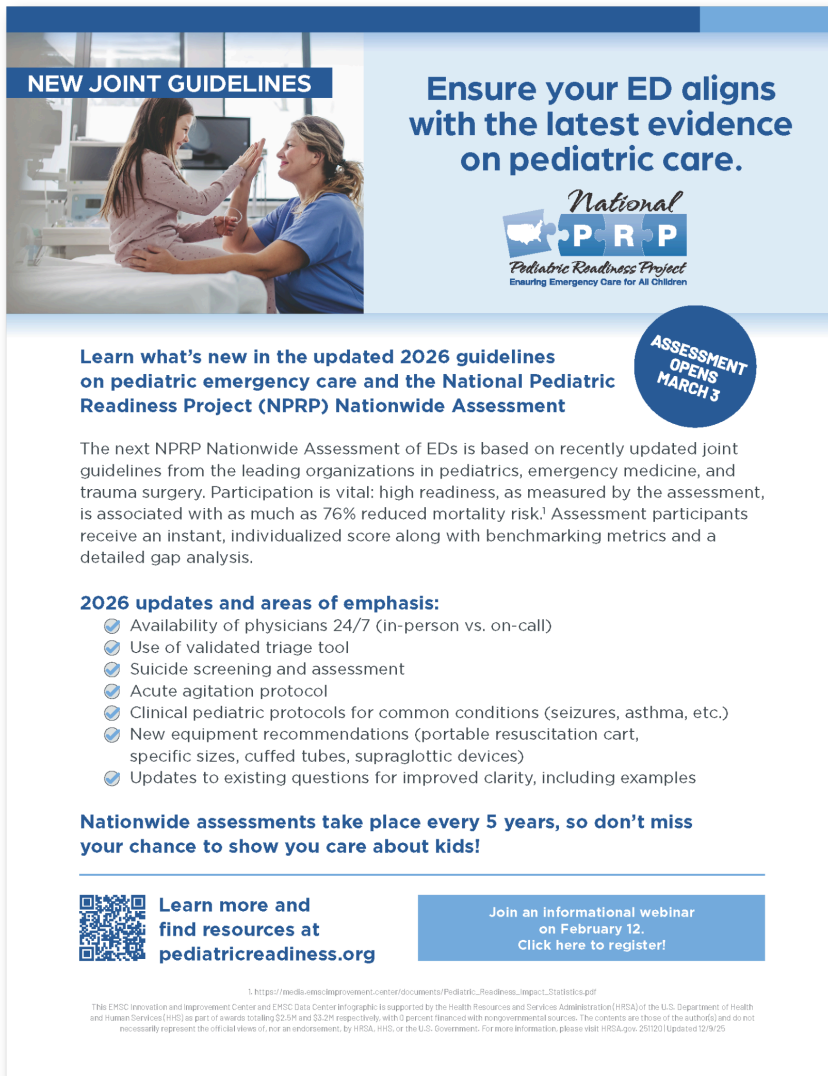
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NEW JOINT GUIDELINES

Ensure your ED aligns with the latest evidence on pediatric care.

National NPRP Pediatric Readiness Project
Ensuring Emergency Care for All Children

ASSESSMENT OPENS MARCH 5

Learn what's new in the updated 2026 guidelines on pediatric emergency care and the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) Nationwide Assessment

The next NPRP Nationwide Assessment of EDs is based on recently updated joint guidelines from the leading organizations in pediatrics, emergency medicine, and trauma surgery. Participation is vital: high readiness, as measured by the assessment, is associated with as much as 76% reduced mortality risk.¹ Assessment participants receive an instant, individualized score along with benchmarking metrics and a detailed gap analysis.

2026 updates and areas of emphasis:

- Availability of physicians 24/7 (in-person vs. on-call)
- Use of validated triage tool
- Suicide screening and assessment
- Acute agitation protocol
- Clinical pediatric protocols for common conditions (seizures, asthma, etc.)
- New equipment recommendations (portable resuscitation cart, specific sizes, cuffed tubes, supraglottic devices)
- Updates to existing questions for improved clarity, including examples

Nationwide assessments take place every 5 years, so don't miss your chance to show you care about kids!

 **Learn more and find resources at pediatricreadiness.org**

Join an informational webinar on February 12. [Click here to register!](#)

¹ https://media.emscimprovement.center/documents/Pediatric_Readiness_Impact_Statistics.pdf

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