

Pediatric Emergencies: Children are not Little Adults

Course Description

An Emergency Department visit can be a life-changing event for a child. Children and adolescents account for nearly a third of hospital emergency department visits. This patient population has unique physical characteristics that require special care and equipment. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fewer than 6% of Emergency Departments have on hand all the pediatric equipment recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. A recent report on Pediatric emergency care by the Institute of Medicine found that many providers don't know how to properly stabilize seriously injured or ill children or fail to recognize cases of child abuse. This course will serve as a venue in which the Emergency Physician may fine tune and polish their skills in the assessment and management of pediatric emergencies.

Credit Designation Statement

The American Academy of Emergency Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

1. Discuss practical and clinically relevant information for the current approach to pediatric emergencies.
2. Develop a logical, efficient approach to the assessment and treatment of the ill or injured child.

Course Schedule – Monday, February 6, 2012

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| 8:00am | Welcome & Introduction to Course |
| 8:05am | "Tachycardia...Not! – Evaluating Pediatric Vital Signs |
| 8:30am | "What's Up When the Temperature is Up!" – The Febrile Child |
| 9:00am | Orthopedic Emergencies – "What <u>Not</u> to Miss!" |
| 9:30am | "Weighing in on the Problem" – Managing the Obese Child in the ED |
| 10:00am | Break |
| 10:15am | "My Belly Hurts!" – The Acute Abdomen in Children |
| 10:45am | "Lumps & Bumps" – Pediatric Dermatologic Emergencies |
| 11:15am | "The Sniffing Position" – The Pediatric Airway |
| 11:45am | "The First Few Days and a Little Beyond" – Neonatal Emergencies |
| 12:15pm | Lunch Presentation - "Kids Will Eat Anything!" – Pediatric Poisoning |
| | Lunch Presentation - "No Rads!" – Pediatric Ultrasound |
| 1:30pm | "An Ouchless ED" – Pain Management & Sedation |
| 2:15pm | "Baby Jane Cried Last Night" – Child Abuse/Maltreatment |
| 2:45pm | "But Air Can't Kill You!" – Drug Abuse in Children & Adolescents |
| 3:15pm | Break |
| 3:30pm | "The Number 1 Killer!" – Pediatric Trauma |
| 4:00pm | "Fallen Angels" – Handling the Death of a Child in the ED |
| 4:30pm | "Children are Not Little Adults!" – Risk Management & Patient Safety |
| 5:00pm | Adjourn |

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