

Pediatric Education for Prehospital Providers: PEPP

GOALS

- Offer nationally recognized instruction on the care of pediatric patients through hands-on skill stations, live action videos, small group scenarios, and case-based lectures in response to demands from EMS practitioners in Pennsylvania to receive quality pediatric education.
- Respond to the needs of EMS practitioners caring for pediatric patients in rural areas who experience difficulties in finding courses.
- Conduct one PEPP course in every PA county by March 2005.
- Federal grant funding will be used to support training so that the registration costs to practitioners will be the lowest level possible.

CONCEPT

The PEPP Course is the culmination of the best and most recent educational efforts in prehospital pediatrics, including the pediatric components of the National Standard Curricula. The course was developed specifically for EMTs and paramedics, and other health care professionals working in the prehospital setting.

Skills practiced:

BLS:

- ✓ Use of pediatric oral and nasopharyngeal airways
- ✓ Bag-valve-mask ventilation
- ✓ Spinal Immobilization

ALS:

All of the skills covered in the BLS course plus:

- ✓ Airway obstruction and foreign body removal
- ✓ Intraosseous needle insertion
- ✓ Endotracheal intubation/Advanced airway management
- ✓ Confirmation of endotracheal tube placement
- ✓ Tracheostomy management
- ✓ Use of a pediatric resuscitation tape
- ✓ Suctioning

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PROGRAM

The PEPP Course features a one-day BLS Course for:

- First Responders
- EMT-Basics

Two-day ALS Course for:

- Paramedics
- Prehospital Registered Nurses

The lectures cover:

- Making a Difference (optional for BLS and ALS)
- Child Development: Applying the Triangle
- Respiratory Emergencies
- Cardiovascular Emergencies (optional for BLS)
- Medical Emergencies
- Toxic Exposures (optional for BLS and ALS)
- Trauma
- Emergency Delivery and Newborn Stabilization (optional for BLS)
- Children with Special Healthcare Needs (optional for BLS)
- Child Maltreatment

The PEPP Course is approved for continuing education credit hours as listed in the chart below:

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Level	Total		Med/Trauma	Other
FR	8		7	1
EMT	8		7	1
EMT-P	16		13.5	2.5
PHRN	16		13.5	2.5

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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