

Role of a PECC

What is a PECC?

The role of a PECC is not defined as a job or as any one or set group of responsibilities. The function is to support the preparedness and safe delivery of pediatric care. **A PECC works in collaboration with the agency Medical Director.**

A PECC is tasked with looking out for the needs of children. A PECC is a *Pediatric Champion, a Pediatric Advocate, a Content Expert, an EMSC contact person.*



Some of the objectives that can be implemented into a PECC role are:

Education and Training

- promote pediatric continuing-education opportunities;
- update training, protocols and policies as needed to maintain current practice standards;
- assist with the education and training of EMS providers;
- identify gaps and ensures resources are available to care for children;
- promote agency participation in pediatric-research efforts;

Quality Improvement

- provide input and support of pediatric specific quality metrics;
- oversee the pediatric-process improvement;
- establish Quality Improvement plans with pediatric specific indicators;

Community Engagement and Preparedness

- promote agency participation in pediatric-prevention programs;
- work with state and local authorities and coalitions to address pediatric needs in the event of a disaster;
- liaison with local emergency department pediatric emergency care coordinators;
- promote family-centered care at the EMS agency;
- support agency participation in the Pediatric Volunteer Recognition Program;
- ensure that the pediatric perspective is included in the development of EMS protocols;
- coordinate with dispatch to provide pediatric specific pre-arrival instructions;

Clinical Care

- enhance information dissemination regarding overall care and outcomes;
- maintain case review and feedback;
- encourage and educate EMS providers to follow pediatric clinical practice guidelines and evidence based standards;
- review current research and practice to maintain pediatric care within a service;
- ensure the availability of pediatric medications, equipment, and supplies;
- review and recommend medication and devices available for the prehospital care of children;
- stay connected to prehospital pediatric information;

and many other pediatric specific and appropriate functions to support preparedness and safe delivery of care.

This menu of objectives is not inclusive nor finite. It is meant as a guideline of activities that a PECC should consider in order to ensure the safe and effective care of children. The menu can be utilized a-la-cart in order to maximize resources and effectiveness while also considering the next objectives to take on and implement when continuing to develop the PECC role within the EMS agency.

By definition, a PECC is; "An individual or Individuals who are responsible for coordinating pediatric specific activities. A designated individual or group who coordinates pediatric emergency care need not be dedicated solely to this role; it can be an individual or group already in place who assumes this role as part of their existing duties. he individual or group may be a member of your agency, or work at a county or regional level and serve more than one agency."

Find the **best fit** for your EMS Agency

Set yourself up for success, not failure.

Select what works best for your agency.

Take on additional objectives when able.

Each success will support improved readiness and enhance the delivery of safe and effective pediatric care

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