

PURPOSE: To establish accountability for the oversight of the Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) Program according to the current EDAP Standards.

AUTHORITY: EDAP Standards

DEFINITION: **Pediatric Liaison Nurse (PdLN):** Nurse coordinator appointed by an EDAP hospital to coordinate the activities required by the EDAP Standards for pediatric emergency care.


POLICY:

- I. Qualifications:
 - A. Licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the State of California.
 - B. At least two years of experience working in pediatrics, or in an Emergency Department (ED) that provides care for pediatric patients, within the previous five (5) years.
 - C. Current American Heart Association Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) provider or instructor.
 - D. Completion of a two-day pediatric emergency course within the last four (4) years.
 - E. Completion of seven hours of pediatric continuing education (CE) approved by the Board of Registered Nursing every two years.
- II. Responsibilities:
 - A. Collaborates with the EDAP Medical Director, ED Nurse Manager/Director, and Designated Pediatric Consultant to ensure compliance with Reference No. 316, EDAP Standards, and policies and procedures established by the EMS Agency.
 - B. Implement and monitor the EDAP quality improvement program to include data collection and reporting as per Reference 620, EMS Quality Improvement Program.
 - C. Serves as a liaison and maintains effective lines of communication with:
 1. ED management, physicians, and personnel
 2. Hospital pediatric management, physicians, and personnel

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APPROVED: 
Director, EMS Agency


Medical Director, EMS Agency

3. Paramedic base hospital personnel
 4. System PdLNs
 5. Prehospital Care Coordinators as needed to follow up with pediatric treatment and/or transport concerns
 6. Prehospital care providers as needed to follow up with pediatric treatment and/or transport concerns
 7. Other EDAPs and Pediatric Medical Centers
 8. EMS Agency
- D. Serves as the contact person for the EMS Agency and be available upon request to respond to County business.
- E. Develop a mechanism to track and monitor pediatric continuing education, including PALS, for the ED staff.
- F. Participate in EMS activities and meetings, and attend a minimum of two (2) Pediatric Advisory Committee meetings per year.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Prehospital Care Manual:

- Ref. No. 316, **Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) Standards**
Ref. No. 620, **EMS Quality Improvement Program**
Ref. No. 621, **Notification of Personnel Change**
Ref. No. 621.1, **Notification of Personnel Change**