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National Pediatric Readiness Project Update

The National Pediatric Readiness Project, jointly supported by the Federal Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for Children Program, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), and the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), launches nationally in January of 2013. States deploy in staggered three month intervals within the year of 2013. This multi-phase quality improvement initiative is designed to ensure that all U.S. emergency departments (ED's) have the essential guidelines and resources in place to provide effective emergency care to children. How prepared is your ED to provide quality care to ill or injured children? Download the assessment tool today at: <http://www.pediatricreadiness.org/>. Indiana hospitals with ED's available 24/7 can enter assessment data March 1, 2013.

Preventable Pediatric Inflatable Bouncer-Related Injuries

A recent article in the Journal of Pediatrics revealed pediatric inflatable bouncer-related injuries have increased in recent years, resulting in increased fractures, strains and sprains. Most injuries occur in the lower or upper extremities either at a place of sports recreation or at home, according to Thompson, et al. In 2010, 31 children per day were treated in US ED's for an inflatable bouncer-related injury, which is more than double the number of children injured in 2008.

Available at: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/>

Charitable Organizations Assist in Pediatric Pulse Oximeter Deployment in Indiana

Indiana members belonging to the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Indiana Kiwanis Clubs are assisting Indiana's EMS agencies in obtaining pediatric equipment. Fund raising efforts are on-going within Indiana to help provide life saving pediatric equipment to advanced life support providers. Special Thanks to the membership of Indiana's GFWC as well as Indiana's Kiwanis Club members. Hoosiers everywhere thank you for all that you do! Happy Holidays from the staff at I-EMSC and EMS agencies throughout the state.

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