



Participate in the 2021 National Pediatric Readiness Assessment May-July 2021

What is the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP)?

The National Pediatric Readiness Project is a multi-phase quality improvement initiative to ensure that all emergency departments (EDs) have the essential [guidelines](#) and resources in place to provide quality emergency care to children¹. The project spans across the United States (U.S.), including territories and freely associated states. The project is supported by the American College of Emergency Physicians, the Emergency Nurses Association, the Federal Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for Children Program, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

What is the 2021 NPRP Assessment?

The NPRP Assessment is a national assessment of EDs across the U.S. It determines progress in pediatric readiness, identifies existing gaps, promotes quality improvement (QI) efforts in hospital EDs around the country, develops national collaboratives to address common and critical gaps, and establishes best practices.

Participating in the 2021 NPRP Assessment is EASY!

How does my emergency department (ED) participate in the NPRP assessment?

The assessment will launch on **May 1, 2021** and remain open through **July 31, 2021**. ED nurse managers will receive several postal and email notifications with a link inviting them to take the web-based assessment. Since **only one NPRP assessment per ED can be completed**, we encourage you to print the assessment at [PedsReady.org](#) and review the ED Toolkit and checklist at [pediatricreadiness.org](#). Then collaborate with your ED leadership to gather information and prepare for the NPRP on-line assessment.

ED managers who complete the NPRP assessment in 2021 will immediately receive an ED Gap Report that includes:

1. ED pediatric readiness score from 0 – 100
2. Average scores of EDs of similar pediatric volume
3. Average score of all participating EDs to use as a benchmark
4. Analysis to target efforts for improvement in pediatric readiness

Help your community by improving pediatric readiness!

Why is participation in the 2021 NPRP assessment important for ED managers?

The NPRP assessment helps ED personnel to be better prepared to provide quality care for all patients of all ages by evaluating the QI process of EDs over time.

EDs with higher pediatric readiness scores demonstrate a **4-fold lower rate of mortality** for children with critical illness than those with lower readiness scores; thus, improving pediatric readiness improves outcomes for children and their families.

Hospital leadership, healthcare administrators, and ED personnel can demonstrate commitment to their communities by improving pediatric readiness.

Encourage participation in the assessment to ensure that all EDs are pediatric ready!

For more information visit www.pediatricreadiness.org



Additional Resources

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National Pediatric Readiness Project Talking Points and FAQ's

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The National Pediatric Readiness Project is a quality improvement (QI) initiative to ensure that all U.S. emergency departments (EDs) have the essential guidelines and resources to provide effective emergency care to children.

What national organizations are supporting these efforts?

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What is the NPRP Assessment?

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How does my emergency department (ED) participate in the 2021 NPRP assessment?

ED nurse managers will receive several notifications with a link to the web-based assessment starting in May 2021.

What types questions that are asked on the 2021 NPRP assessment?

The NPRP assessment asks questions based on the 2019 guidelines for the care of children in the ED including: infrastructure, resources, personnel, the administration and coordination of care for children, policies, equipment, and more. We strongly encourage ED nurse managers to [download and print a PDF copy of the NPRP assessment](#) and review before submitting their responses online.

How can I prepare and learn more about the NPRP project?

For more information about the NPRP project, visit pediatricreadiness.org.

How can I prepare and learn more about the 2021 NPRP online assessment?

For more information about the NPRP assessment, visit pedsready.org.