



Pennsylvania EMS for Children (EMSC) ~Hospital Assessment~

Inter-facility Transfer Guidelines:

We assessed the percent of hospitals with an Emergency Department that have inter-facility transfer guidelines and the **nationally recommended components** for the transfer of *pediatric* patients to a facility than can provide care not available at their facility. Examples of guideline components that were recommended include the presence of a:

- Defined process for initiating patient transfer
- Process for transfer of the patient's medical records and belongings
- Plan to provide directions and receiving hospital information to parents

66% Of hospitals with an emergency department have inter-facility transfer guidelines that cover *pediatric* patients

37% Of hospitals with an emergency department have inter-facility transfer guidelines **with all of the nationally recommended components** that cover *pediatric* patients

Inter-facility Transfer Agreements:

In addition, hospital Emergency Departments were surveyed to determine if formal inter-facility transfer agreements exist with local EMS agencies to facilitate the transfer of *pediatric* patients.

52% Of hospitals with an emergency department have inter-facility transfer agreements that cover *pediatric* patients

87% of all Pennsylvania hospitals with an emergency department completed the 2010-11 assessment. *All Pennsylvania Accredited Trauma Centers have the required guidelines and agreements.*

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