The MACEP Pediatric Section has been hard at work developing new carepaths. This project is spearheaded by Dr. Joyce Li, at Children’s Hospital of Boston.

The concept is that while there are many carepaths available that focus on pediatric care, they are generally not specifically geared towards care in smaller, community EDs, where the vast majority of children are cared for.

These carepaths will focus on common presenting pediatric complaints, optimizing care in community EDs. The first 2 carepaths are nearly completed:

- Simple febrile seizure
- Croup

We expect these 2 carepaths to be finalized in the next week. Once reviewed by the MACEP board, they will be available to download from the MACEP website. We hope EDs across the state will find them of use!

As noted in the last newsletter, establishing a nursing and/or physician pediatric coordinator is likely the single best way to enhance pediatric operations in your ED.

On our 2015 survey, several Massachusetts EDs expressed interest in establishing this pediatric coordinator role. We have now reached out and are working with several EDs to create or improve this position. We offer specific resources, including literature, job descriptions, and telephone consultation at no cost. Our goal is simply to improve pediatric care.

If you have not yet contacted us, but are interested in exploring how we might be of help, please email Dr. Emory Petrack.

In related news, Mass General Hospital is conducting a national survey to learn more about pediatric emergency care, including the availability of pediatric coordinators. EDs in all 50 states are currently participating. EMNet staff may contact you in the next few months if they’ve not heard from your hospital.
Pediatric Pearl of the Month: Before going into an exam room to see an older infant or toddler, take a moment to observe overall appearance, activity, respiratory rate, and interactions from outside the room. If the child becomes upset on entry, you have some good baseline information. If persistently tachycardic, consider using continuous pulse oximetry, after leaving the room, to get a more accurate heart rate.

National ACEP Pediatric Section Update

The ACEP Pediatric Section met in March at the Advanced Pediatric Emergency Medicine Assembly meeting in Orlando, FL. There is a tremendous amount of work going on in the section; highlights of activities include:

- Development of pediatric quality measures for the CEDR (Clinical Emergency Data Registry). Although not final, suggested measures will include:
  - Weighing all pediatric patients in kilograms
  - Offering analgesic for long bone fractures
  - Ensuring asthmatics requiring 2nd aerosol get steroid
  - Highlighting role of pediatric clinical coordinator

- Update on national pediatric readiness project, with pilot projects in several states

- Improved collaboration with Quality Transformation Committee of American Academy of Pediatrics

- Input into planning for 2018 SAEM meeting focusing on pediatric emergency care

Websites to check out!

Every month we’ll share some websites that may be of interest

Weekly Flu Update:  
http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

JAMA article summary on major national improvements in pediatric emergency care:  
http://bit.ly/1IZz0FB

EMS-C Webinars:  
http://www.emscnrc.org/emsc-events/emsc-webinars?sc_lang=en

National Pediatric Readiness Project:  
http://www.pediatricreadiness.org

PEM Playbook (excellent podcast):  
http://pem playbook.org

Upcoming Events

- **MACEP Annual Meeting**, May 4, MMS Conference Center, 860 Winter Street, Waltham
- **ACEP Annual Meeting**, Oct 16-19, Las Vegas
- **AAP Annual Meeting, Pediatric Emergency Section**, San Francisco, Oct 22-23

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