

Small Scale Quality Improvement

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Our why

- To be fully prepared for any emergency that may arise in our pediatric community
- To expand our knowledge on best practice and standard of care for pediatric patients



EMH Journey To Pediatric Readiness

- Supplies
- Policy Changes
- Full set of Vital Signs
- Tylenol and Motrin Instructions
- Pain Management for a Long Bone Fracture

Policy Changes

- Updated to require every patient get a full set of vital signs
- Weight recorded in kilograms
- Spiritual and more caregiver involvement in patient care

Pediatric Vital Signs

- Full set
 - Blood pressure
 - Heart rate
 - Respirations
 - Oxygen saturation
 - Temperature
 - If patient is 12 months or less and has a temperature greater than 100.4 a rectal is required
 - Repeat required after intervention
 - Height and weight in kg

Tylenol & Motrin Sheet Instructions

- Automatically pulled with all our pediatric patients in a table format
- Weight based
- Explained to caregiver in detail
- Poison Control number automatically attached

Pain Management

- Any patient that has a long bone fracture is required to receive pain intervention within 30 minutes
- MD/Nurse assesses pain and if pain intervention not needed it is documented

How has this improved care?

- Accurate medication doses
- Better patient satisfaction with more caregivers involved
- More in-depth education provided with better understanding from caregivers

Upcoming Verifications

System of Pediatric Readiness

- Ephraim McDowell James B. Haggin-Harrodsburg, KY
- Ephraim McDowell Fort Logan- Stanford, KY

Thank you!



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