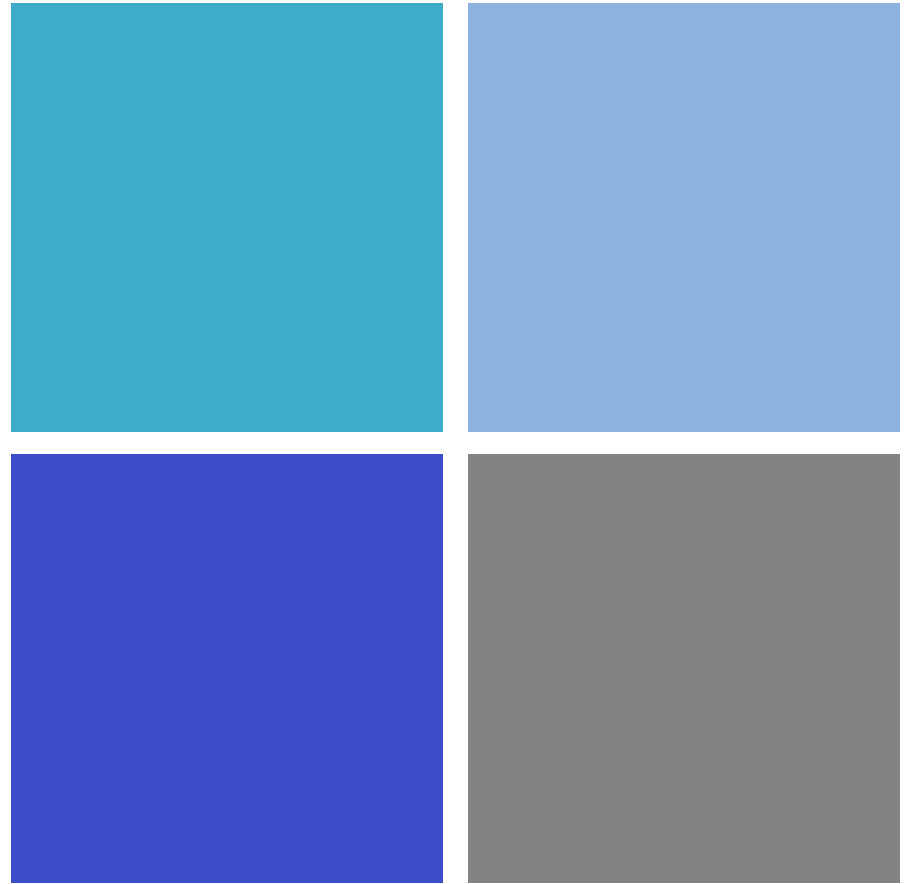


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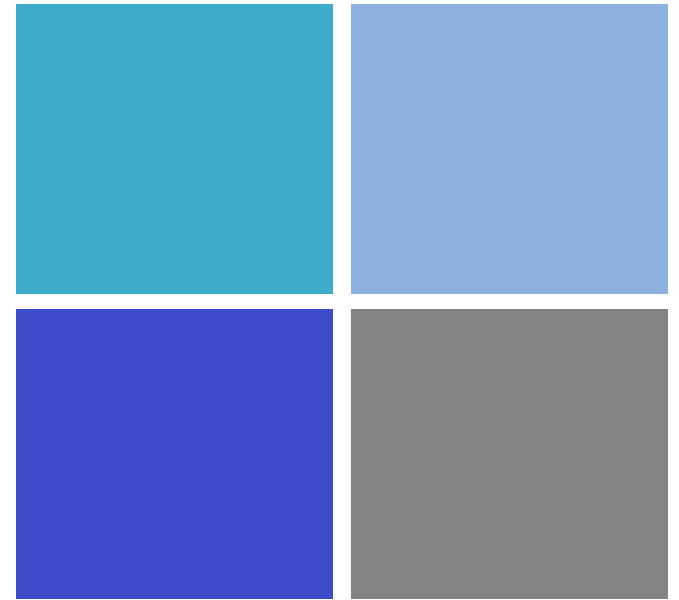
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Evidence-Based Pediatric Asthma and Seizure Management for EMS

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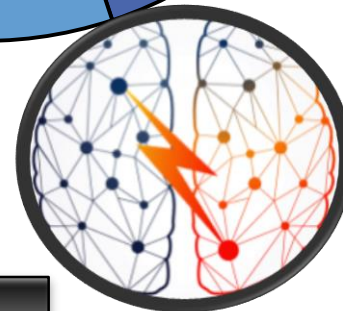
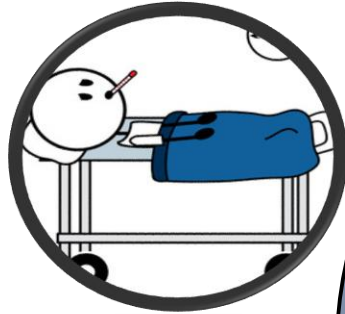
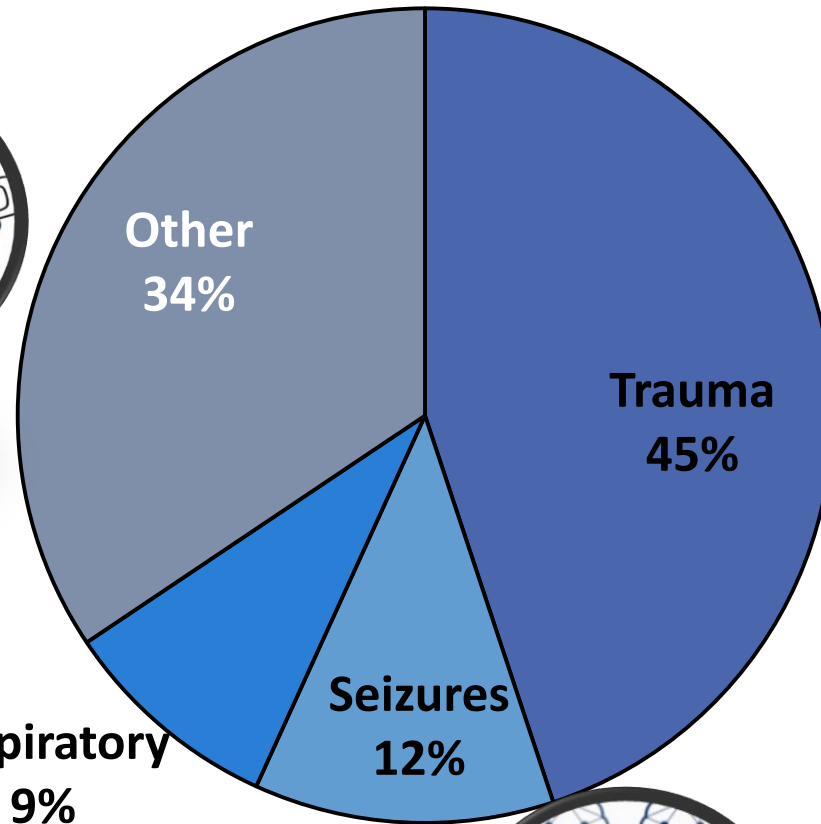
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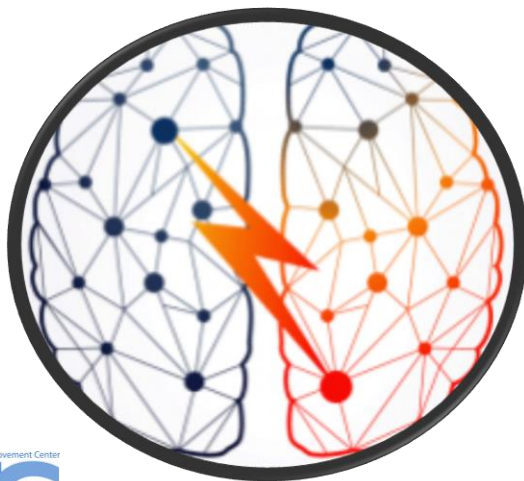
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- To determine how to modify EMS asthma and seizure protocols to be more evidence-based
- To identify several metrics to assess the quality of pediatric asthma and seizure care in EMS systems

Pediatric EMS Transports



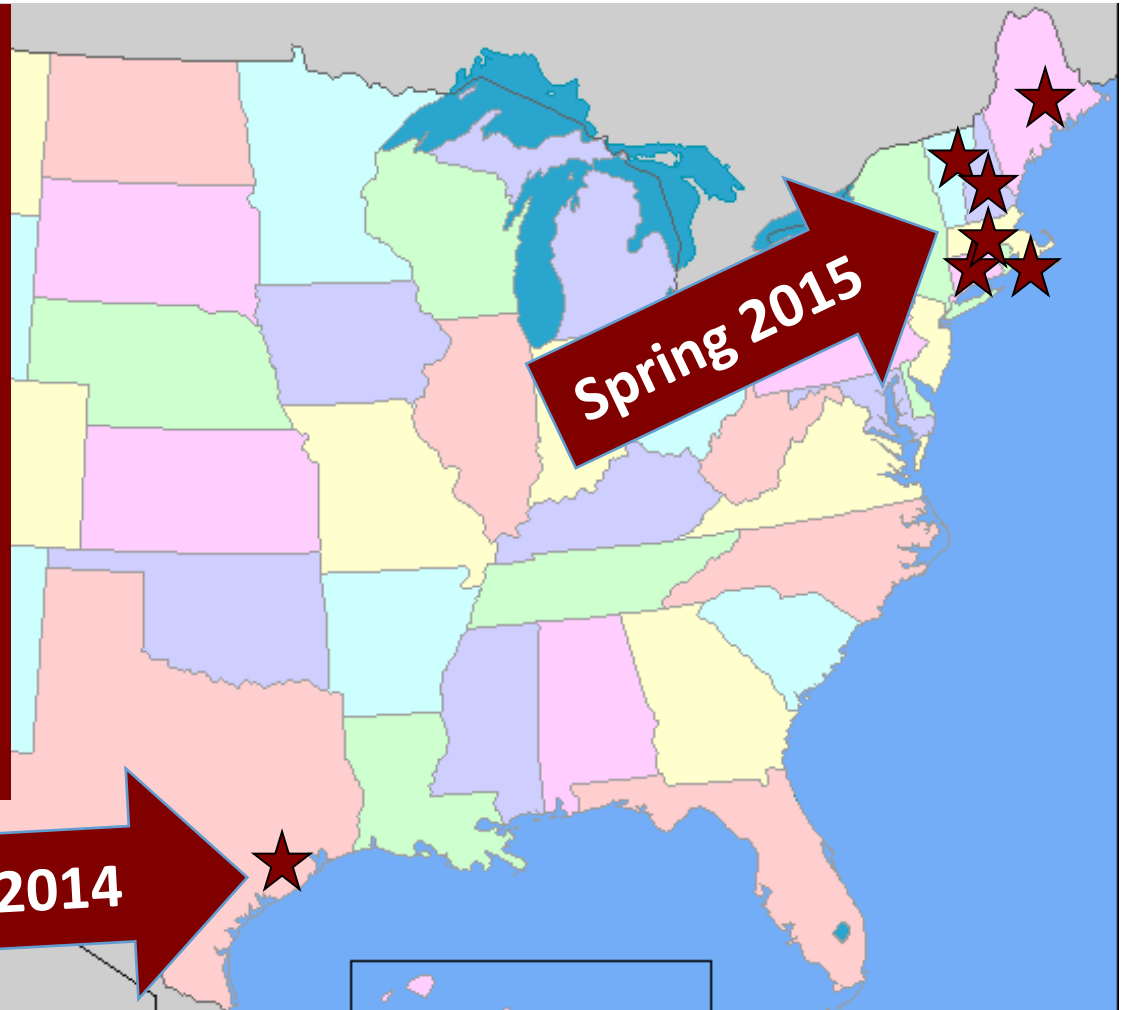
Reasons EMS Transports Children



Pediatric Evidence-Based Guidelines: Assessment of EMS System Utilization in States (PEGASUS)

9 Guidelines:

- Airway Management
- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma**
- Bronchiolitis
- Croup
- Pain (for trauma)
- Seizures**
- Shock
- Spinal Care



AN EVIDENCE-BASED GUIDELINE FOR PEDIATRIC PREHOSPITAL SEIZURE MANAGEMENT USING GRADE METHODOLOGY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check a blood glucose | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give rectal medication |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give dextrose IV/IO (D10, 5ml/kg) or glucagon IM for hypoglycemia (<60 mg/dL) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place an IV/IO initially |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give IM/IN benzodiazepines as 1st line treatment (midazolam 0.2 mg/kg) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require medical control for the 1st 2 doses of medication (apnea risk after 2 doses) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IV/IO benzodiazepines (0.1 mg/kg) can be given subsequently – including diazepam | |



Asthma EBG



National Model
EMS Clinical
Guidelines

DO

- Assess distress
- Use pulse oximetry
- Apply oxygen if $\text{SaO}_2 < 90\%$
- Give **albuterol** (4-6 puffs or 2.5-5 mg neb) → multiple
- Give **PO/IM/IV steroids**
- Give **ipratropium 0.5 mg x 3**
- Give **IV/IO magnesium (40 mg/kg, max 2 g)**
- Give **IM epinephrine 0.01 mg/kg (1:1000) (or 0.15-0.3 mg autoinj.)**
- Use CPAP

DON'T

- Routinely obtain an ECG
- Give nebulized saline or steam
- Routinely place an IV
- Routinely give IV fluids
- Give inhaled magnesium
- Use heliox

DO GIVE STEROIDS

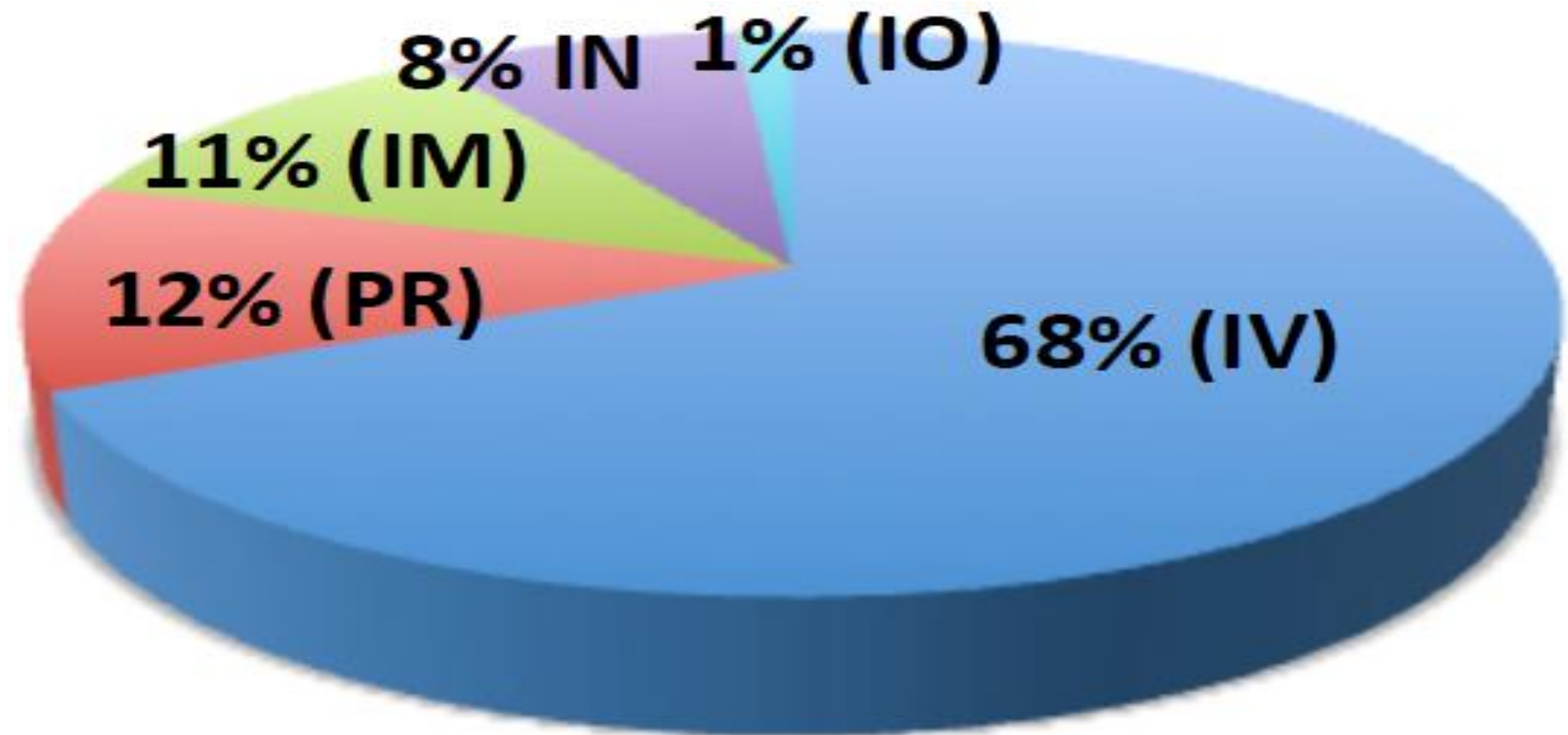
- Dexamethasone: 0.6 mg/kg, PO/IV/IM/IO (max 16 mg)
- Methylprednisolone: 2 mg/kg, IV/IM (max 125 mg)

Category	Measure Name	Quality Metric for SEIZURES	Measure Type	IOM Quality Domain
Treatment	Medication Route	% of <u>actively seizing</u> patients that receive IN/IM midazolam	Process	Effectiveness
Treatment	Time to Medication	Time to administration of a benzodiazepine	Process	Timeliness
Treatment	Medication Dose	% of patients that received a a weight appropriate dose (+/- 20% of what is in the protocol)	Process	Safe
Treatment	Multiple Doses	% of patients that received more than 2 doses of a benzodiazepine	Process	Safe
Patient Assessment	Glucose Assessment	% of patients who had a blood glucose checked	Process	Safe
Treatment	Hypoglycemia Treatment	% of patients with glucose <60 mg/dL who received IV/IO dextrose or IM glucagon	Process	Effectiveness
Outcome	Respiratory Failure	% of patients who received bag-mask ventilation, BiPAP, CPAP, supraglottic airway, or intubation	Balance	Safe
Outcome	Seizure Cessation	% of patients who were actively seizing upon emergency department arrival	Outcome	Timeliness

Category	Measure Name	Quality Metric for ASTHMA	Measure Type	IOM Quality Domain
Treatment	Time to Beta-Agonist	Time to administration of beta-agonist (albuterol) after provider arrival on scene	Process	Timely
Treatment	Steroid Administration	% of patients that receive steroids	Process	Effective
Risk Assessment	Pulse Oximetry	% of patients with documented pulse oximetry reading	Process	Safe
Treatment	Time to Ipratropium	Time to administration of ipratropium after provider arrival on scene	Process	Timely Effective
Outcome	Respiratory Failure	% of patients who had respiratory failure (received bag-mask ventilation, BiPAP, CPAP, supraglottic airway, or intubation)	Outcome	Effective Safe

IMPACT OF HIGH-FIDELITY PEDIATRIC SIMULATION ON PARAMEDIC SEIZURE MANAGEMENT

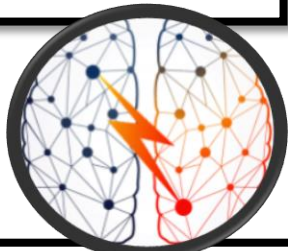
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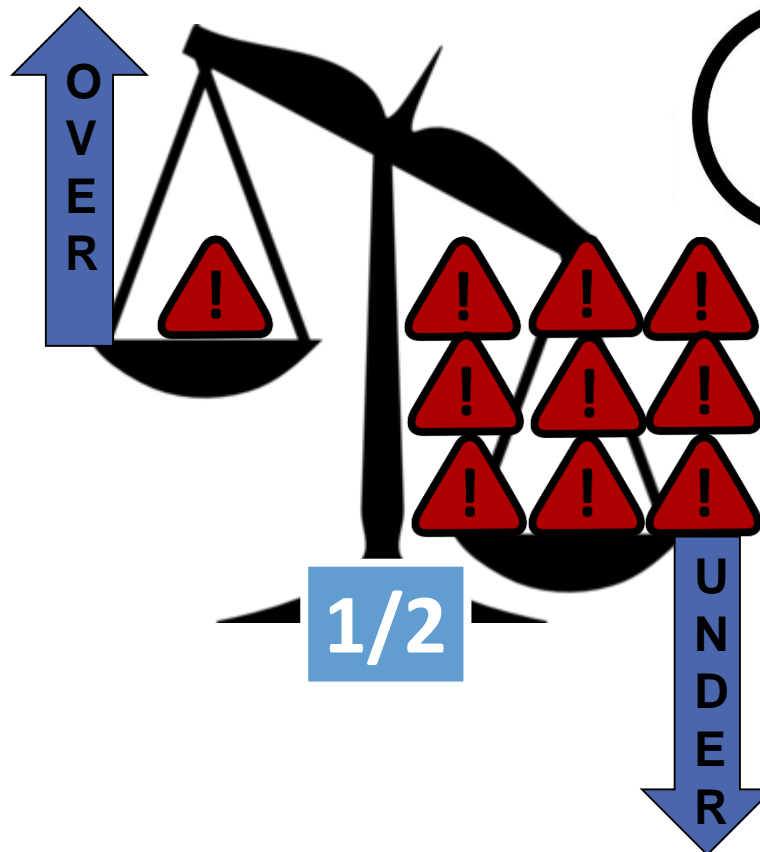
Routes of EMS Administered Midazolam to Seizing Children

Single-Site Sim Training: No Change

Impact of Simulation on Paramedic Seizure Management




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IMPROVING PREHOSPITAL PROTOCOL ADHERENCE USING BUNDLED EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTIONS

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**Preferred
Routes**

**Received
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**Correct dose
given**

Paramedic Adherence After a Pediatric Seizure Protocol Change

Multi-Site Need for Improvement

50% → 77%



61% → 71%



61% ~ 56%



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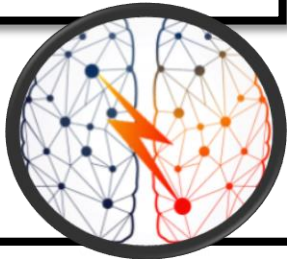
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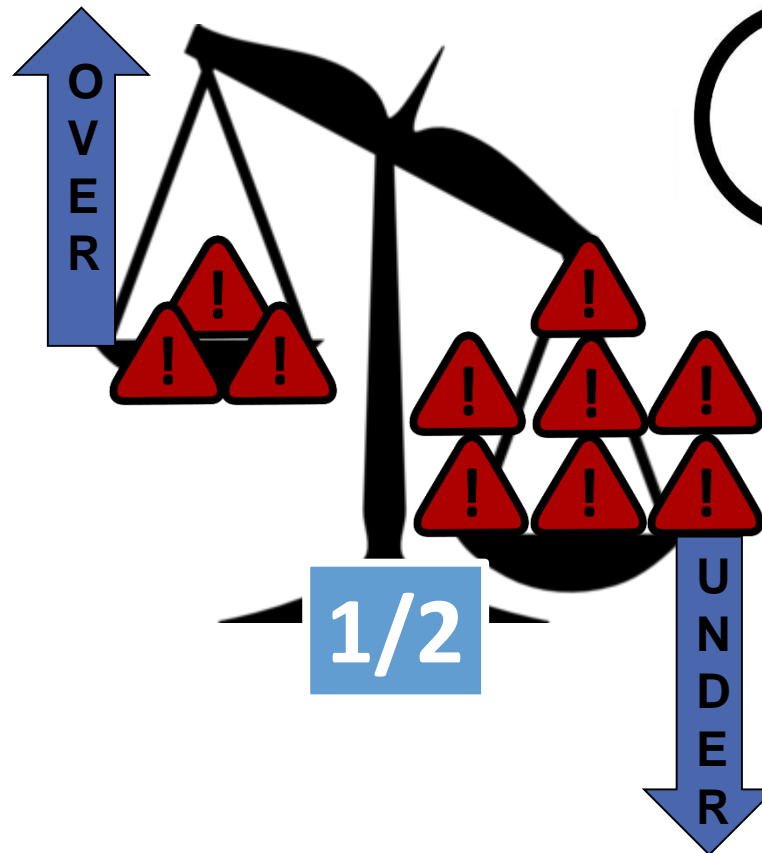
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Paramedic-Identified Enablers of and Barriers to Pediatric Seizure Management: A Multicenter, Qualitative Study

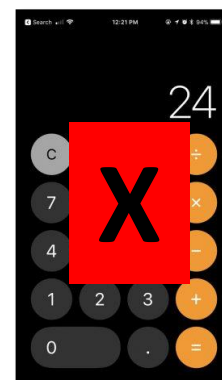
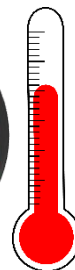
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**Systems
Enablers**

**Systems
Barriers**

**Paramedic
Solutions**

Houston Fire Department				
P-17:1	2YR 12 KG Ideal Wt.			
Methylprednisolone Solu-Medrol	125 mg/2mL	0.4 mL	IV/IO	IM
Midazolam IM/IN Versed	1 mg/mL	2 mL	IM	IN
Midazolam IV Versed	1 mg/mL	1.2 mL	IV	IO
Naloxone Narcan	1 mg/mL	1.2 mL	IV/IO	IM/IN
Normal Saline Bolus	0.9%	240 mL	IV	IO
Ondansetron Zofran	2 mg/mL	1.2 mL	IV	IO



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IMPLEMENTATION OF A PREHOSPITAL PROTOCOL CHANGE FOR ASTHMATIC CHILDREN



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TABLE 4. Characteristics of steroid use pre- and post-protocol change

	Pre-Protocol Change N = 226 (47%) Median (95% CI)	Post-Protocol Change N = 256 (53%) Median (95% CI)	P-Value
Given prehospital steroids	24 (11%)	47 (18%)	0.020
Type of prehospital steroid			<0.001
Methylprednisolone	24 (100%)	9 (19%)	
Dexamethasone	0 (0%)	38 (81%)	
Prehospital steroid route			<0.001
PO	0 (0%)	36 (78%)	
IV	21 (87%)	9 (20%)	
IM	2 (8%)	1 (2%)	
IO	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	
Prehospital dose appropriate	19 (79%)	42 (91%)	0.260
Prehospital incorrect dose			0.440
Underdosed	0 (0%)	1 (25%)	
Overdosed	5 (100%)	3 (75%)	
Time from EMS arrival until first prehospital steroid (min)	167 (9–24)	16 (13–19)	0.660
Time from EMS arrival to first steroid, in prehospital or hospital setting (min)	88 (82–94)	80 (71–89)	0.010

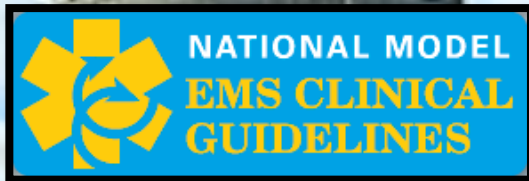
- More steroids given
- More PO steroids given

ED: emergency department; PO: oral administration; IM: intramuscular; IO: intraosseous; IV: intravenous; IQR: interquartile range.

Impact of Prehospital Steroids for Asthma

	Pre	Post	P value
Total hospital time, median (hours)	6.1 (95% CI: 5.4-6.8)	4.5 (95% CI: 4.2-4.8)	P<0.001
Total care time, median (hours)	6.6 (95% CI: 5.8-7.3)	5.2 (95% CI: 4.8-5.6)	P=0.01
Hospital admission rate	30%	21%	P=0.02
Admission to a critical care unit	82%	44%	P=0.02

Guidelines



Metrics



Data



Coordinated effort is necessary to improve the quality of EMS care



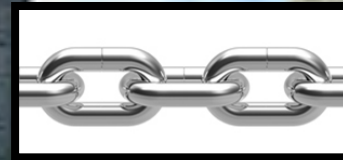
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Prehospital Evidence-Based Care for Traumatic Pain

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Objectives

After this presentation, the learner should be able to:

- Recall barriers to prehospital analgesia administration to children
- Understand the elements of an evidence-based guideline for analgesia administration in traumatic pain
- Identify potential solutions to barriers of evidence-based guideline implementation in EMS agencies

How Big of a Deal is Pediatric Pain?

- Contributing factor in up to 20% of pediatric EMS encounters (*McLean, 2002*)
 - fractures, burns, sickle pain crises, headache, abdominal pain
- Multicenter study of EMS agencies (>500,000 pediatric encounters)
 - 28% of encounters related to trauma
 - 1% of patients given analgesia

Underutilization of analgesia for children in the out-of-hospital setting is frequent and problematic

What does the literature show?

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Hennes (2005)

269 children 0-18
years

Analgesia given to:
3% with Fractures
9% with Burns

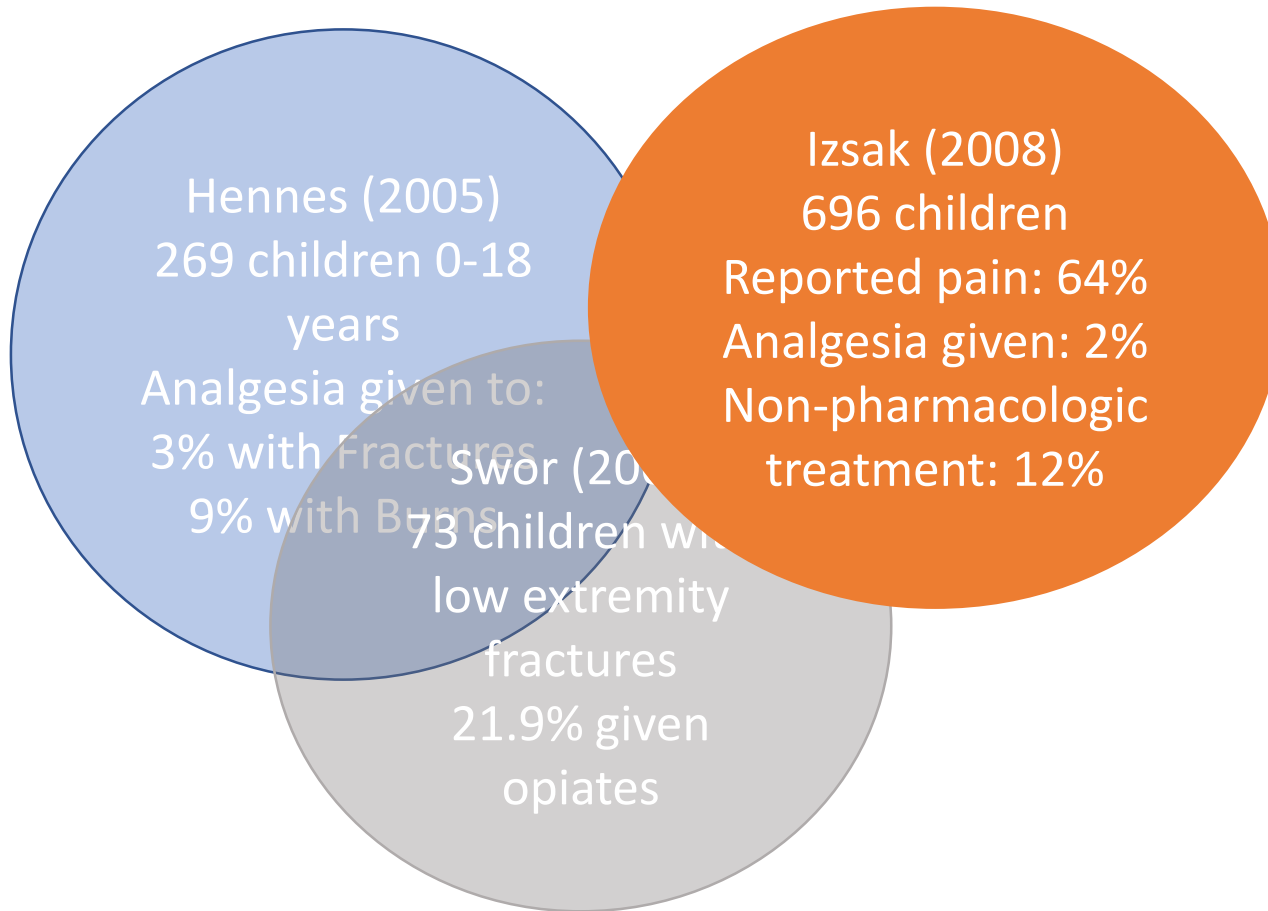
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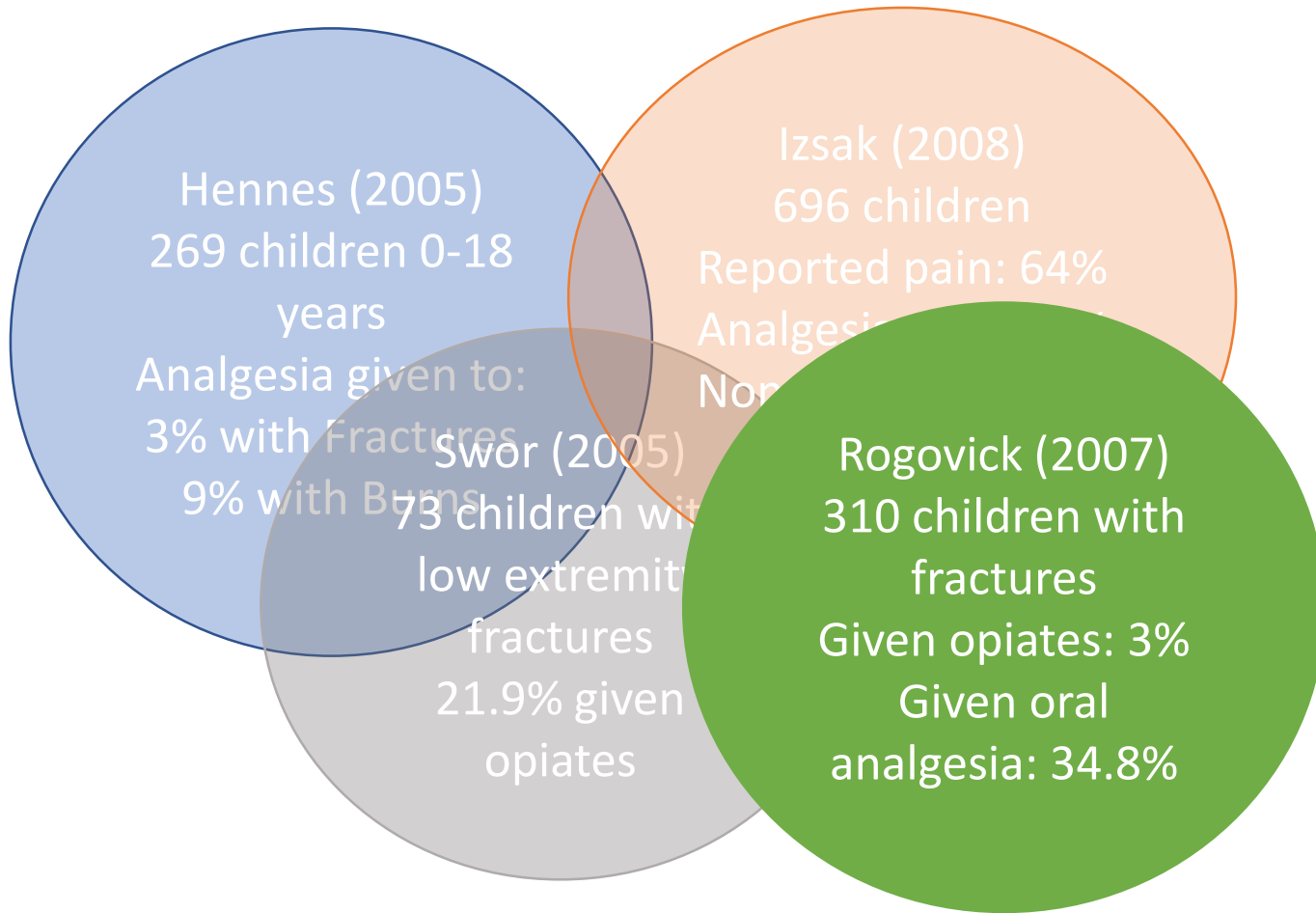
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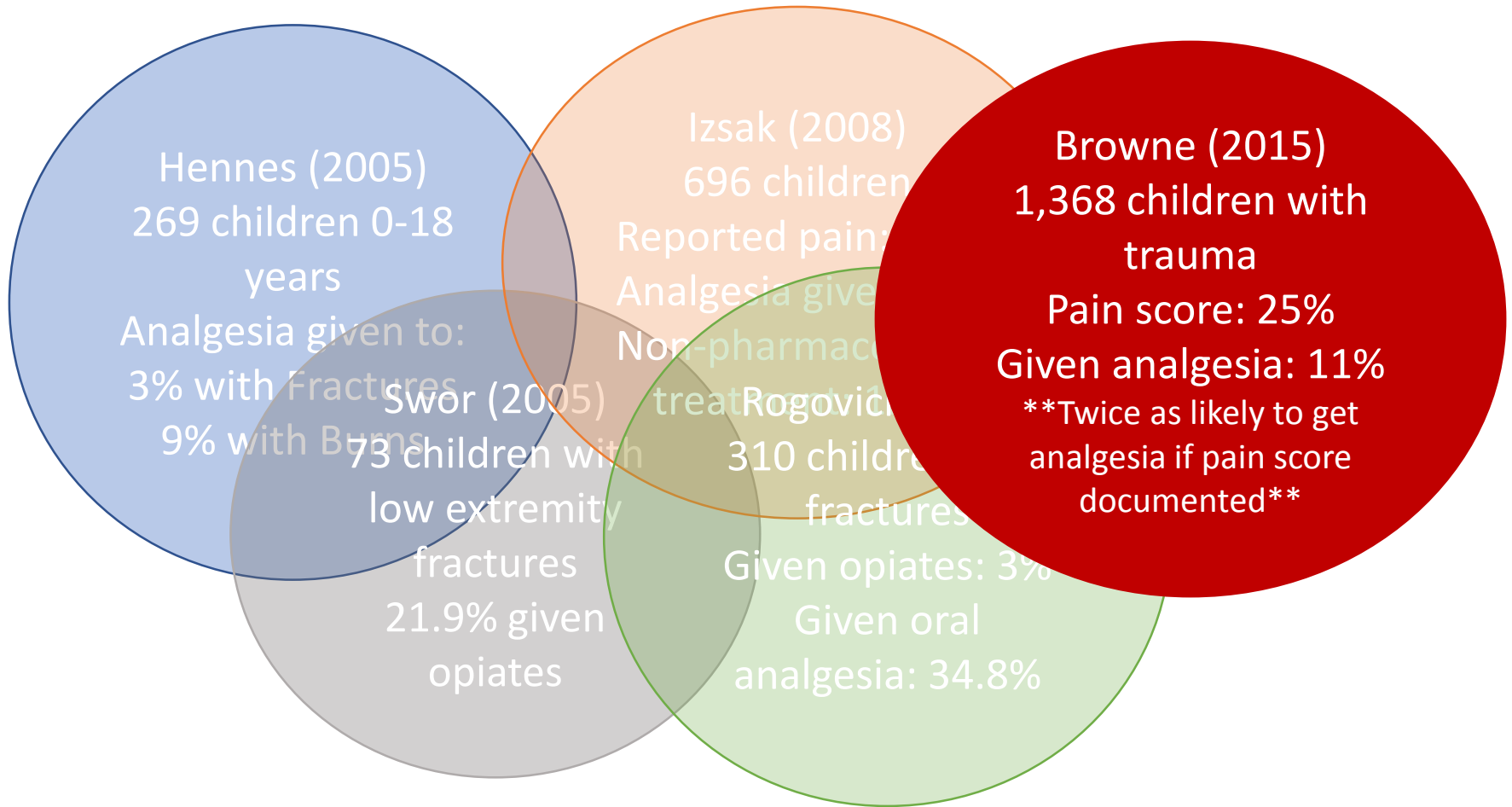
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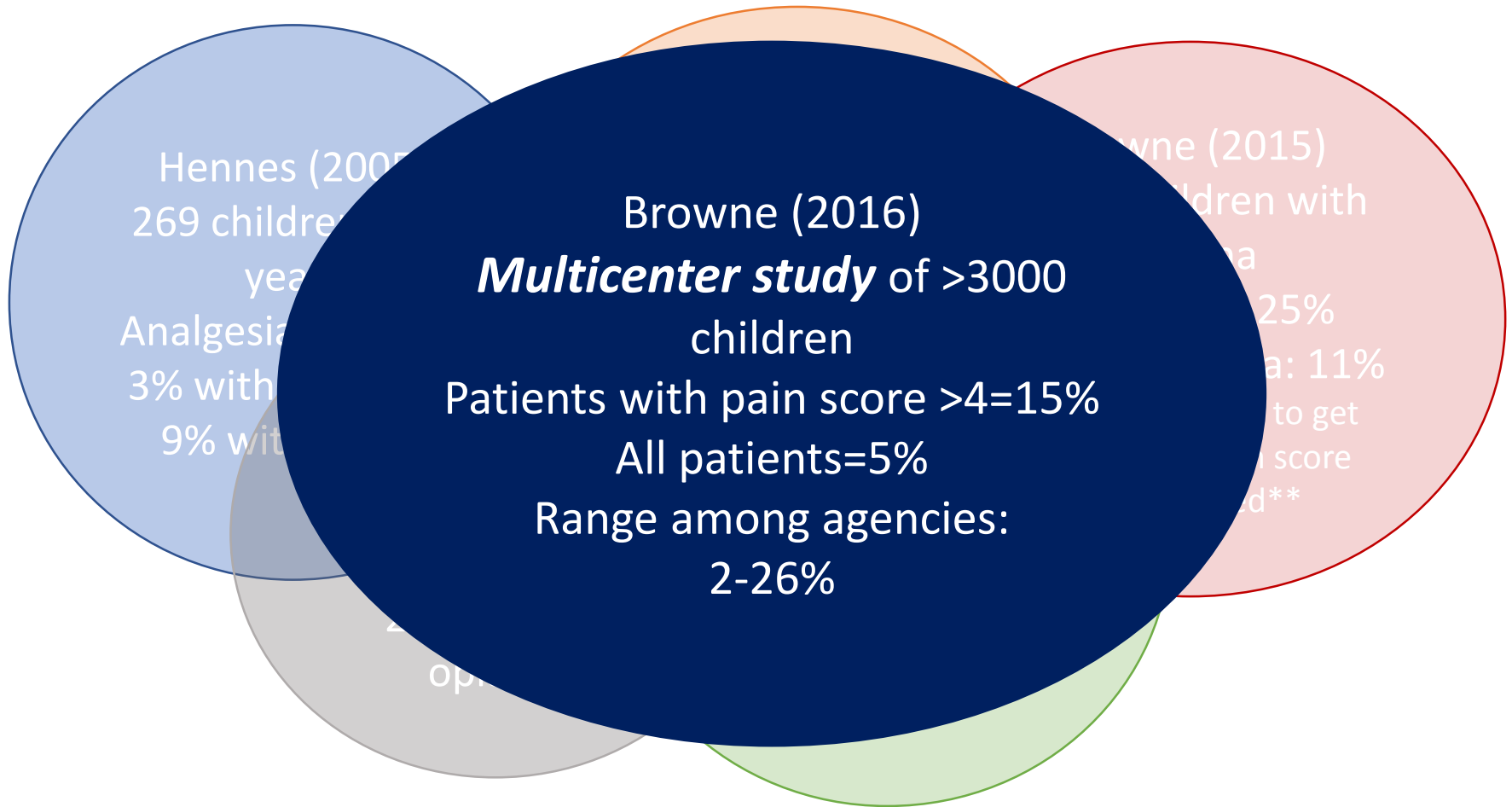
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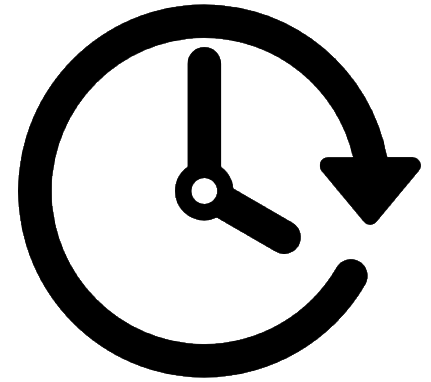
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Other effects: The clock is ticking....



- McEachin et.al (2002) (n=124 children)
 - 22 (18.3%) received prehospital analgesia (91% received ED analgesia)
 - EMS analgesia given in 30 minutes compared to 2 hours
- Swor (2005) (n=73 children)
 - EMS analgesia given in 22 minutes compared to 88 minutes when given in ED

Is There a Down Side?

Inadequate pain control has negative implications in children

- Most studies from procedural pain and chronic conditions but....
- Neonates have long-standing alterations in their response to and perceptions of painful experiences
- Pediatric oncology patients have increased pain scores in subsequent painful procedures
- Documented PTSD in previously normal children
- Extends average length of stay

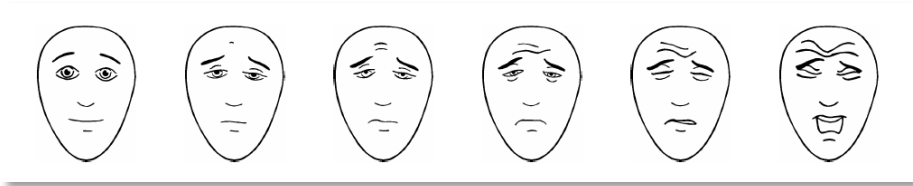


Continued disparities. . .

Administration of analgesia in children:

- ***Varies by age:*** Younger patients are less likely to receive adequate analgesia
- ***Varies by ethnicity and social economic status:*** Racial minorities, publicly insured less likely to receive analgesia
- ***Varies by practitioner:*** EMS providers with more experience are more willing to provide analgesia to children

Prioritizing Traumatic Pain Management in EMS



Barriers to Pediatric Analgesic Administration



- Inability to assess pain
- Low pain score
- Patient refusal of medication
- Difficult vascular access
- Vascular access not needed
- Delay of transport
- Fear of complication
- Record keeping
- Perception of possible drug seeking

Additional Barriers

Focus groups of EMS Providers reveal:



Anxiety with
children

Training



Insufficient
training



Often will
defer to EDs

Having a ***positive relationship with online medical control*** would enable analgesia administration

Access to Online and Offline Pediatric Protocols



EMSC Priority and Performance Measures

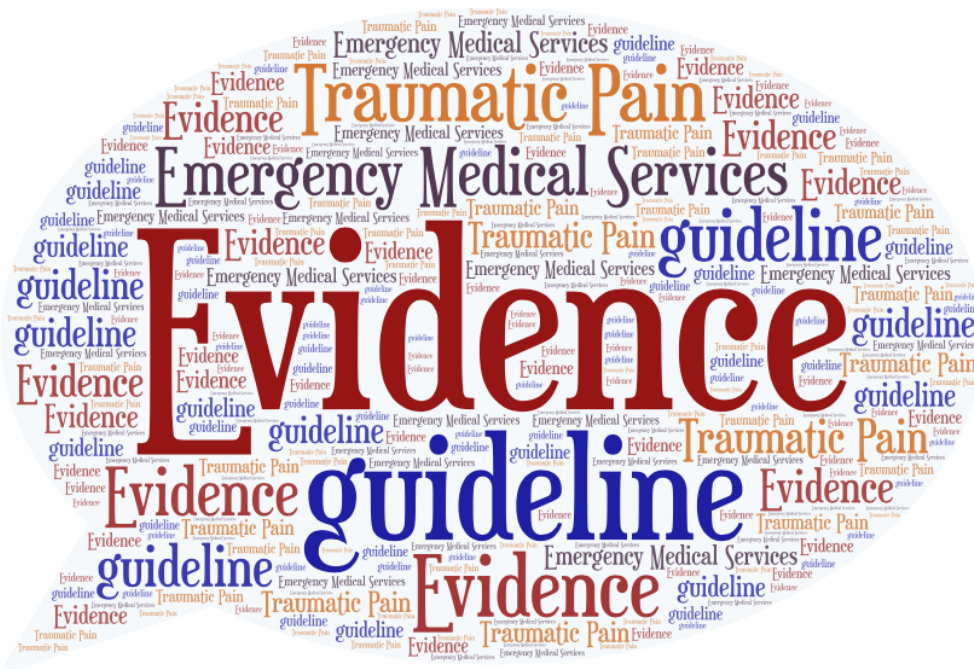
- Goal: That 90% of EMS Agencies in the state have access to ALS and BLS on line and offline protocols guidelines for pediatric care

Offline protocols for traumatic pain



Utah EMSC disseminated guideline for offline treatment of traumatic pain (2009):

- Improved self-efficacy among providers
- Statewide increase in analgesia administration to pediatric trauma patients **(18.5% →26.6%)**
- Provision of analgesia associating with:
 - Documentation of pain score
 - EMS agency training on protocol



Traumatic Pain EBG

Content

Dissemination and Implementation



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Known Barriers:

- Disparities in the prehospital environment
- Fear of dosing mistakes = undertreating
- Need for medical direction for opiates

EBG Solution:

- Consistency across all ages
- Easy to remember dosing & use of pain scales
- Standing orders to avoid calling medical direction

Traumatic Pain EBG

4 easy steps:

1-Assess pain

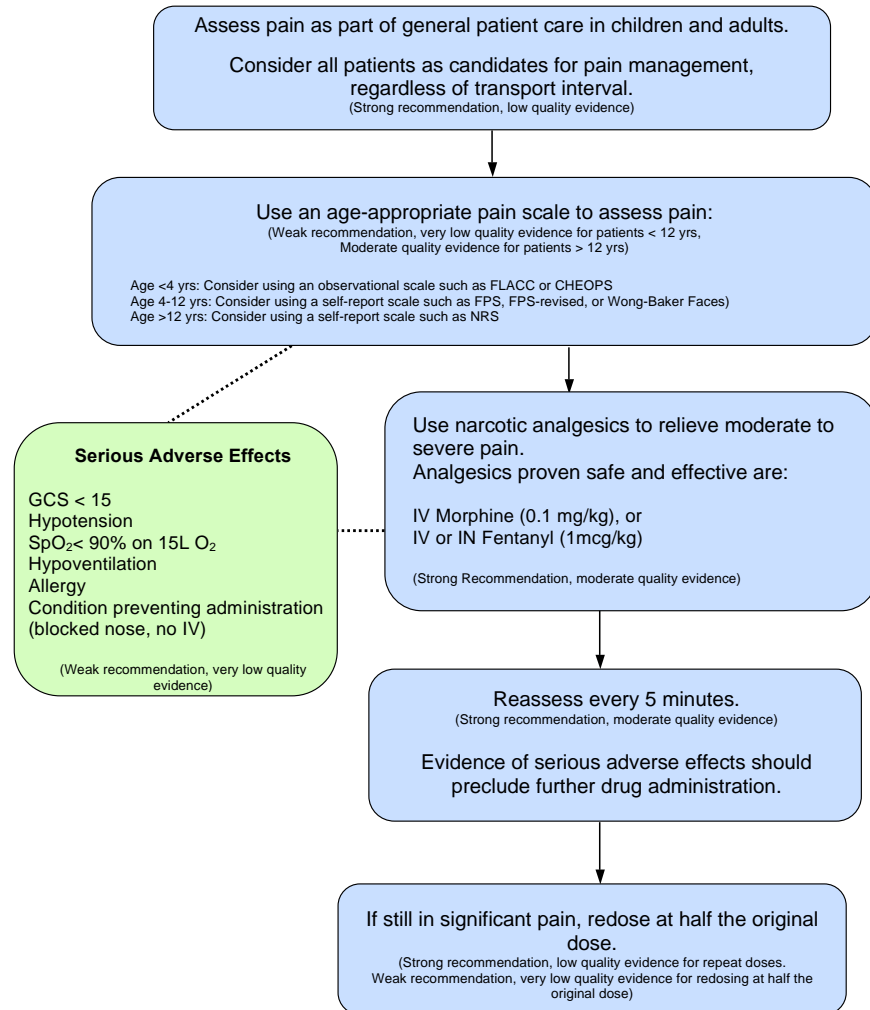
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3-Reassess pain

4-Treat persistent pain

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**Behavioral-
Observational scales**

Self Report Scales

- **Face-based scales**
- **Numeric rating scales**

Serious Adverse Effects

GCS < 15
Hypotension
SpO₂ < 90% on 15L O₂
Hypoventilation
Allergy
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State of Utah

Traumatic Pain Guideline in 2009
Data from state EMS registry (POLARIS): 1155 children with trauma

Findings:

- Increase in analgesia administration
- Agencies carrying IN Fentanyl **5 times** more likely to administer analgesia

Reassess rapidly after medication administration

- For adverse effects
- For ongoing pain, need for redosing

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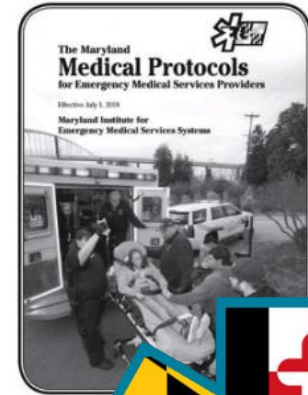
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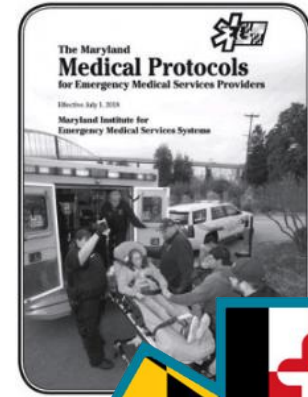
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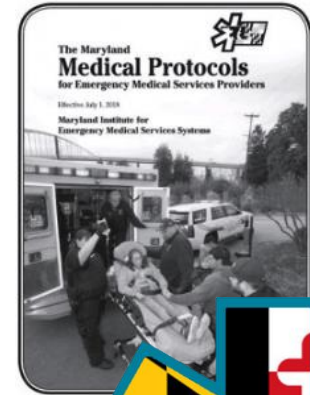
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EBG Dissemination and Implementation

How can this EBG be disseminated at the state level?

What are the best practices to do this?

What barriers will be identified?

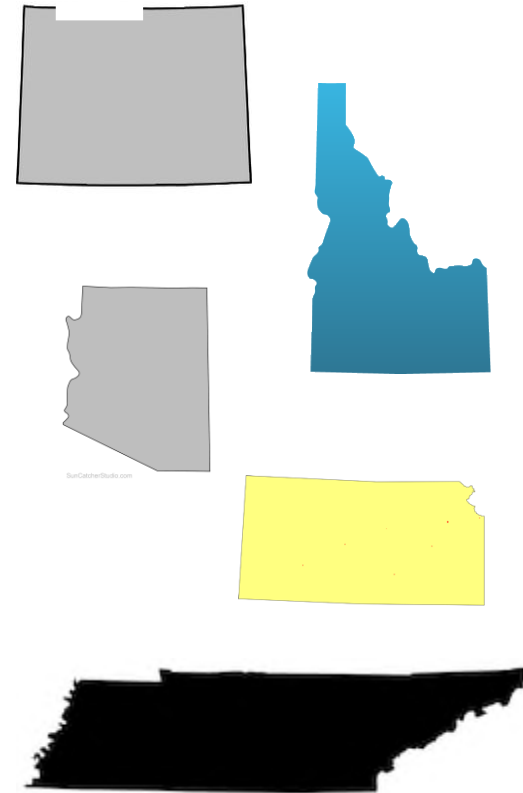
What patient outcomes can be measured?



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- **Objective:** To examine barriers and enablers to dissemination and implementation of an evidence-based guideline for traumatic pain management across 5 states
- **State Participants:**
 - Arizona, Idaho, Kansas, Tennessee, Wyoming



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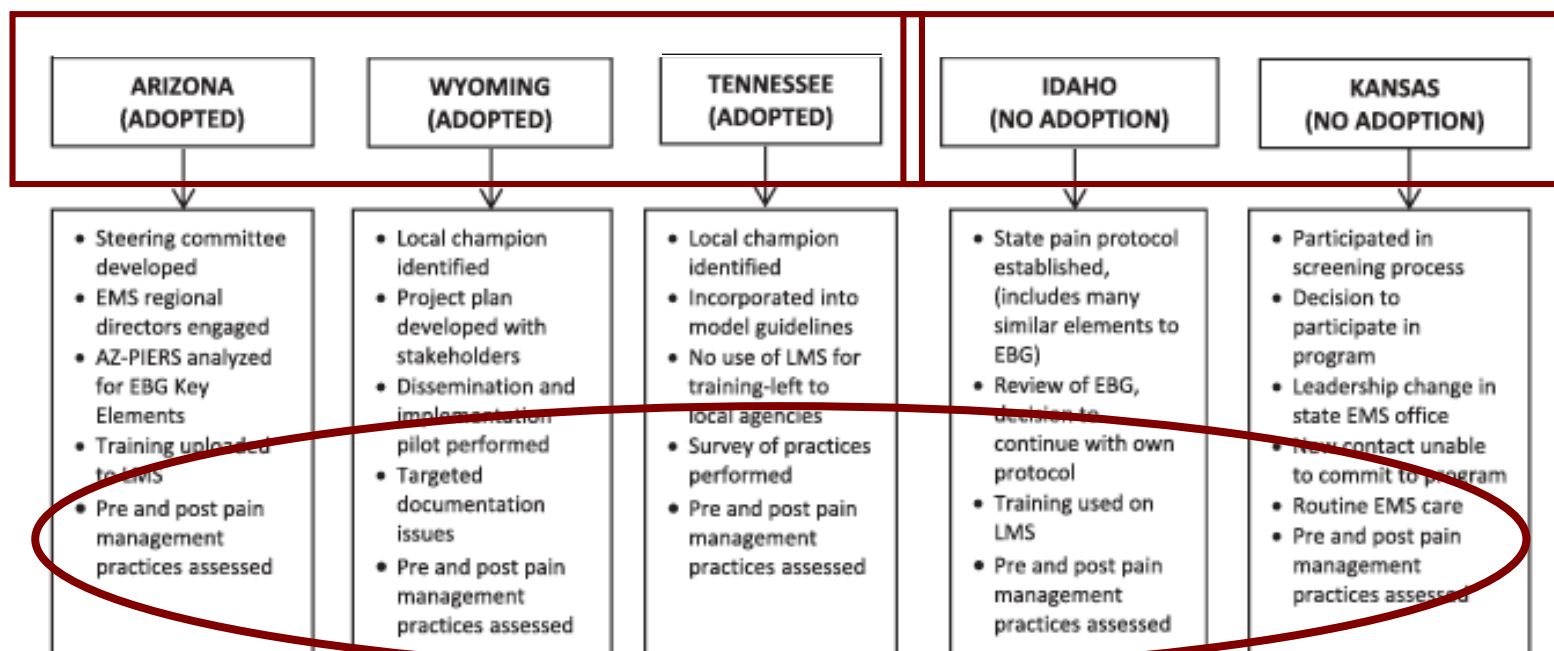
Project Accomplishments:

- Toolkit for implementation, dissemination, and evaluation (www.nasemso.org)
- Individual implementation plans for each state
 - Program Plan
 - Evaluation Roadmap
- Created online training/PPTs
 - For EMS Personnel (1 hour)
 - Hospital ED staff (15 minutes)

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State Dissemination Outcomes:



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Enablers:

- **Having a champion**
 - Identify strategies for states
 - Work with stakeholders
 - Assist state in protocol development
 - Develop regional infrastructure
- **Use of a toolkit**

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State	Before (April–June 2014)	After (April–June 2016)
Arizona ^a	20.0%	No data available
Idaho ^b	33.7%	35.0%
Kansas ^c	11.6%	15.0%
Tennessee	No data available	No data available
Wyoming ^d	7.0%	7.0%

- **No measurable improvement in analgesia** administration among 4 states
 - Wyoming had a *measurable Increase in pain score documentation*
 - Arizona *identified problems* with restocking of controlled substances

Next Steps



Traumatic Pain EBG developed and published in 2014

- Additional modalities such as ketamine, nitrous oxide not addressed
- Findings on barriers to dissemination can help states address gaps in protocols and patient care
- Prospective studies on barriers to treating pain are underway

What tools in your toolbox can you use to improve pain in children?





Questions....

Thank you!!!!

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Pediatric Non-Traumatic Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest: Should We Hit the Brakes?

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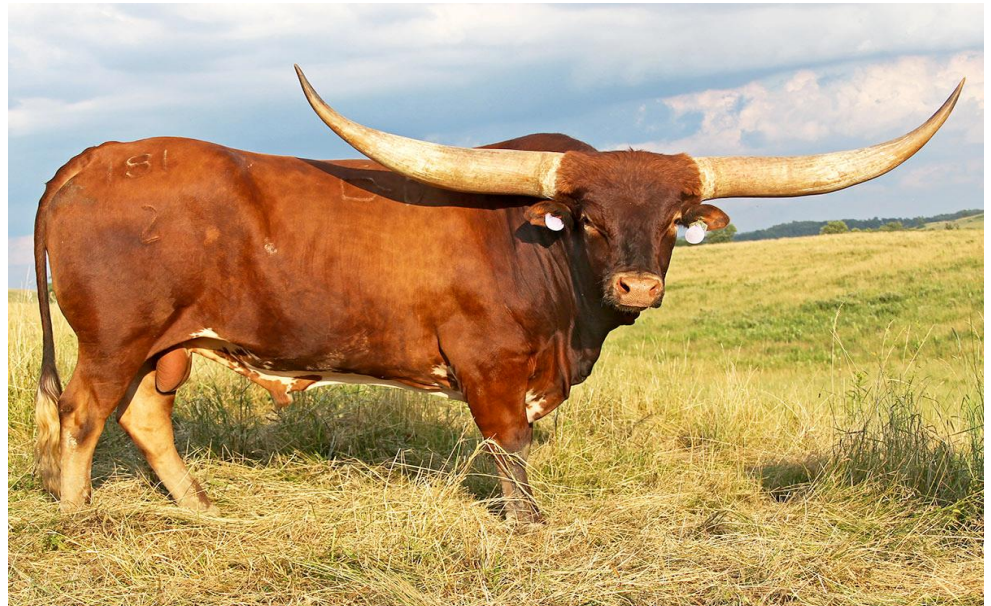
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Objectives

- Review the epidemiology of pediatric out-of-hospital cardiac arrest
- Identify factors associated with improved survival from pediatric cardiac arrest
- Discuss the pros and cons of termination of resuscitation efforts on scene for pediatric out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA)
- Discuss efforts EMS providers can take to engage and support families following pediatric OHCA



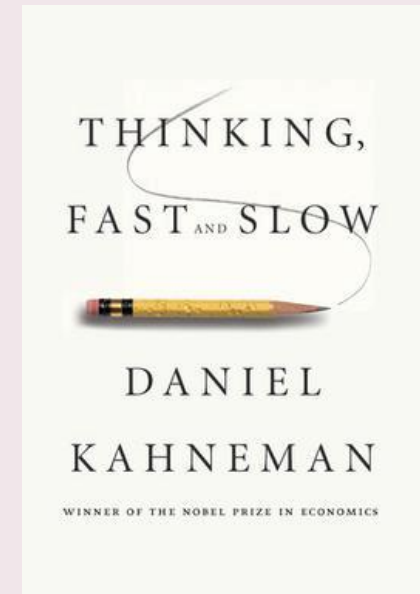
Why Not Talk About Traumatic Pediatric OHCA?

- Outcome is dismal
- 4-5% survival, essentially all neurologically devastated
- National guidelines exist

POLICY STATEMENT

Withholding or Termination of Resuscitation
in Pediatric Out-of-Hospital Traumatic
Cardiopulmonary Arrest

***What if we could save 1000
more children suffering non-
traumatic OHCA each year than
we do now?***





Epidemiology of Non-traumatic Pediatric OHCA

- >5000 children per year (Topjian and Berg, 2012)
- Survival rate: 5-10% (8% Jayaram 2015, 6.7-10.2% Fink 2016)
- ~70-80% associated with respiratory failure
- No improvement over last decade (Jayaram, 2015)





EMS and CPR

- We do it best!
- “Resuscitologists”
- We do high quality CPR (...
better than in-hospital CPR!)





Epidemiology of Non-traumatic Adult OHCA

- Increased survival over last decade
 - Overall: Increased from 7.6% to now 10-18% (Yamaguchi 2017)
 - Witnessed VF/VT: 14% to 31% (Yamaguchi 2017)
- What has the literature teased out
 - Early defibrillation
 - Minimize interruptions
 - Full chest recoil
 - Optimal chest compression rates and depth
 - Choreographed “pit crew” CPR
 - Variability of CPR en route (and DANGEROUS!)
 - BVM over advanced airway?
 - Mechanical CPR... ?
 - National guidelines for TOR in adults



Kids Are Not Just Little Adults... Or Are They?

- Special focus:
 - Make airway management a priority
 - Watch drug dosing safety
 - Family-centered care
- Same Principles:
 - Assess
 - Monitor
 - Effective Interventions
 - Quality improvement
 - Evidence base

No increase in survival from non-traumatic pediatric OHCA in the last decade. Survival remains low, 5-10%.



Why Aren't Kids More Resilient?

1. Are children less likely to survive cardiac arrest due to inherent factors?
2. Is the physiology of pediatric cardiac arrest such that once they fall off the cliff there is no turning back?
3. Is the science of pediatric resuscitation lagging behind that of adult medicine?

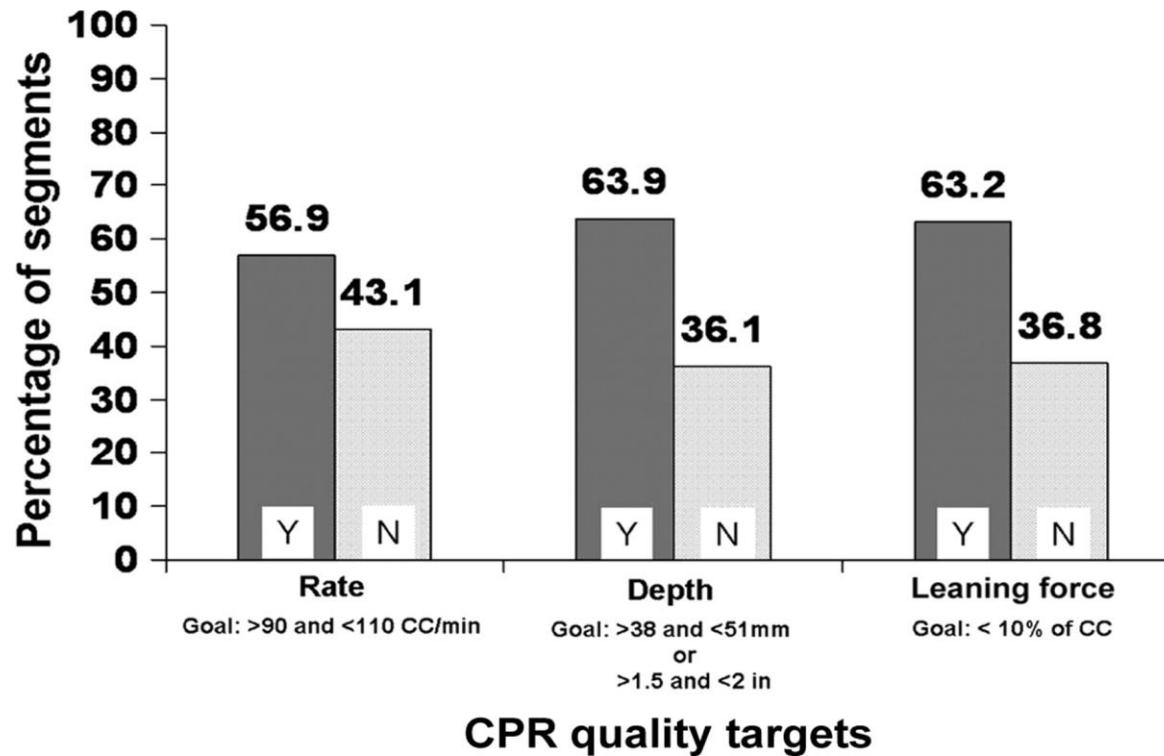


What Can We Glean from Pediatric In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Literature?

- Improved survival in last decade
 - 10% 1980s
 - 27% 2005 (Nadkarni)
 - 43% 2009 (Girotra)
- Why?
 - Rapid response teams
 - Early interventions
 - High quality CPR



What Can We Glean from Pediatric In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Literature?



2013:
AHA compliant depth
26.2%;
AHA compliant rate
83.7%;
Systolic and Diastolic
BP threshold(80/30)
attained in ~60% of
compressions

Sutton, Pediatrics 2009
Sutton, Resuscitation 2013



What Can We Glean from Pediatric In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Literature?

- New Findings
 - Early epinephrine administration, <5min associated with increased survival 33% vs 21% (Andersen, JAMA 2015)
 - Longer epinephrine intervals may be better (Hoyme, Resuscitation 2017)
 - – 5-8min OR 1.99, 8-10min OR 2.67
 - Intubation associated with decreased survival 36% vs 41% (Andersen, JAMA 2016)

Can we identify children who are likely to benefit from prolonged resuscitation?



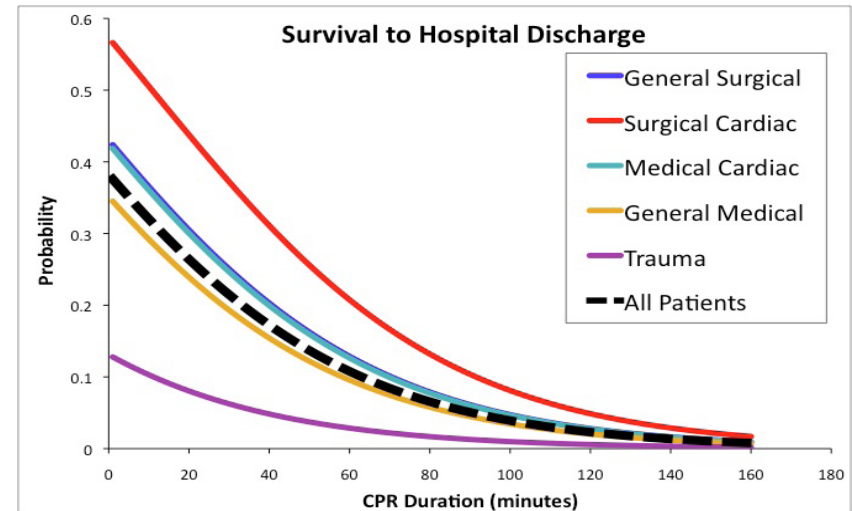
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- Median duration of CPR:
 - Survivors 10min
 - Non-survivors 25min
- Adjusted probability of survival:
 - CPR 15min 29%
 - CPR 35min 19%



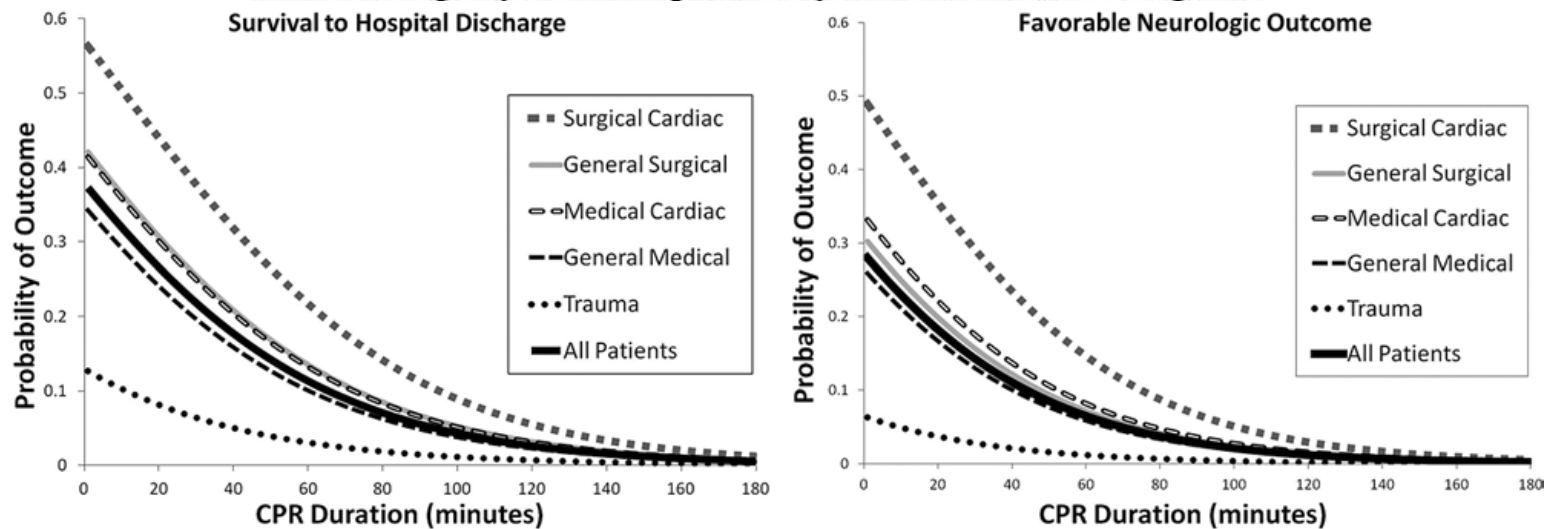


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The State of Pediatric OHCA

- 1mo survival with CPC 1-2 of transported pediatric OHCA without ROSC is extremely low: 1%
- Increased chance of survival if:
 - Witnessed arrest (aOR 3.22)
 - VF/VT (aOR 16)
 - PEA (aOR 5.2)



The State of Pediatric OHCA?

- Pediatric advanced airway management infrequent, lower success rates if <1yr (Hansen 2015)
- BVM seems better than ETI/SGA (OR 0.39 and 0.32) (Hansen 2017)
- Longer scene time (10-35min) associated with increased survival 10.2% vs 5.3% (Tijssen, 2016)
- On-scene resuscitation versus early transport associated with increased survival 0% to 23% (Banerjee, 2017 & 2019)
- Pit crew approach to pediatric OHCA associated with higher survival (17%) (Friesen, 2018)



What Increases Chances of Survival?

- Bystander CPR
- Early compressions with effective ventilations (C-A-B)
- High quality CPR



Kitamura, 2010

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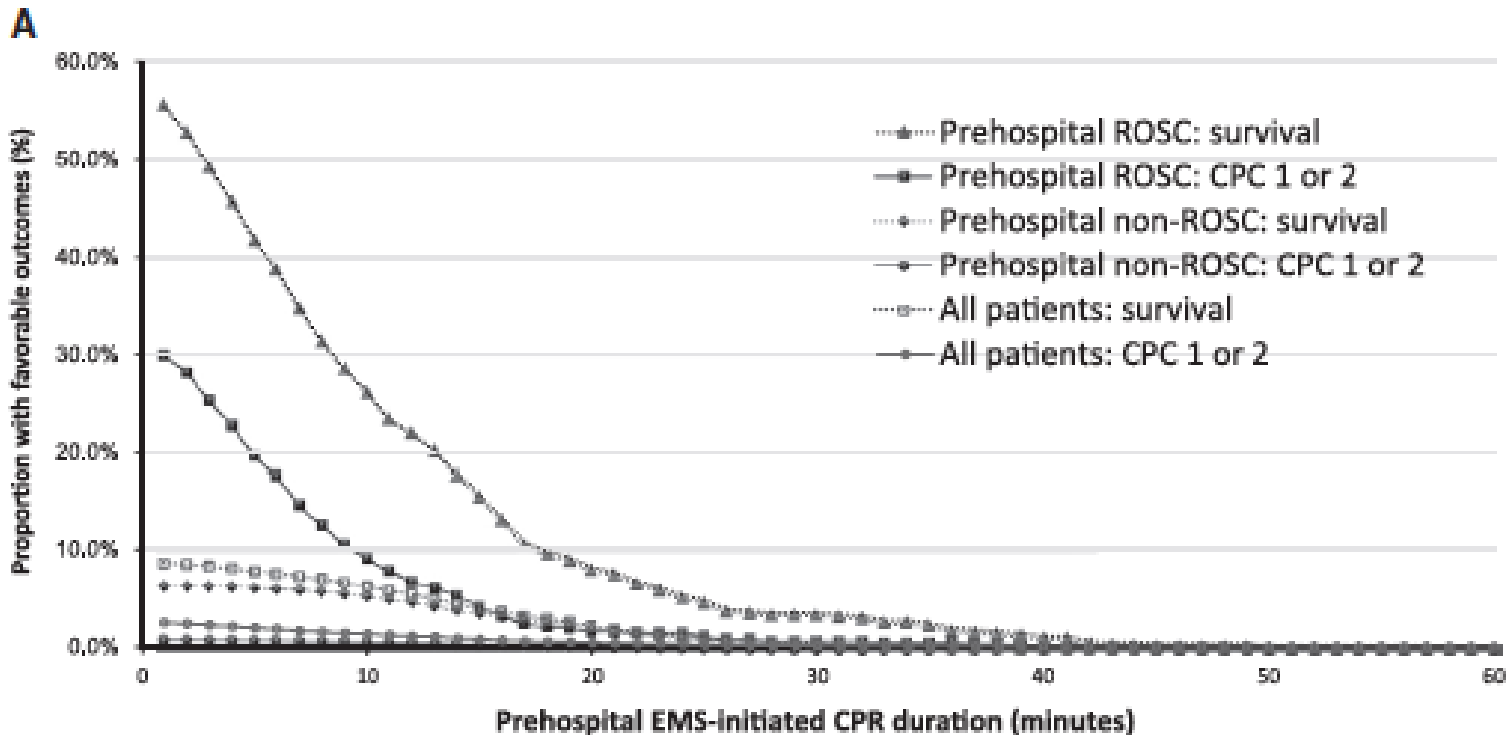


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Duration of CPR and Favorable Outcomes for Pediatric OHCA





Paramedics' Perspective on Pediatric OHCA

- Experience with pediatric OOHCA:
 - 33% performed CPR on >20 children
 - 72% on >5 children
 - 7% had experience with pediatric TOR
- Beliefs regarding pediatric outcome:
 - 81% - pediatric patients had same or better chance of survival
 - 56% - felt uncomfortable with pediatric TOR despite worse prognosis



	Pediatric TOR
State	31.9%
EMS Agencies	30.4%

Fallat, Childress
Grant



Pros and Cons of Pediatric TOR

Pros

- ▶ Survival is dismal, resuscitation futile
- ▶ Does not give false hope
- ▶ Assists with coroner's investigation
- ▶ Limits financial burden
- ▶ Resource and cost savings

Cons

- ▶ Devastated family members
- ▶ Provider training
- ▶ Concern for legal liability
- ▶ Limited personnel to provide support
- ▶ Organ procurement



Compassionate Options for Pediatric EMS (COPE)

1. Equips EMS providers with the knowledge and skills to help families cope with pediatric OHCA and death
 2. Educate EMS providers in how to provide “self help” to prevent secondary trauma
- Improved communication skills and self-insight

<https://apps.doornsa.com/COPEWeb>

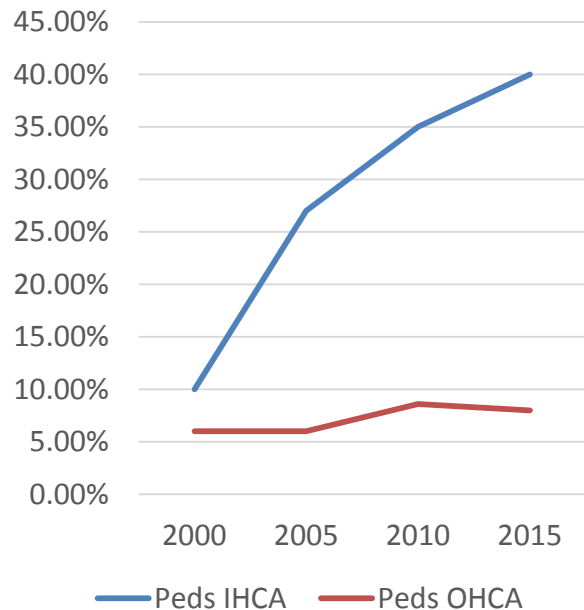
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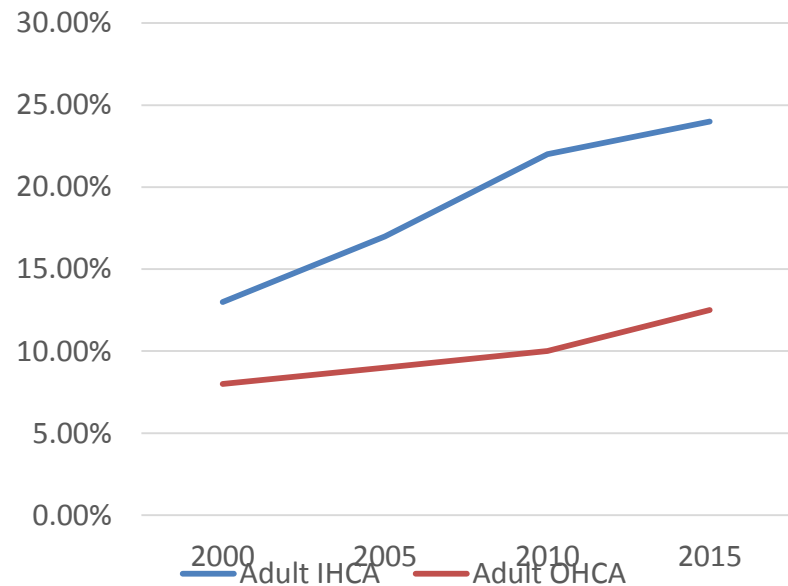


Can We Close the Gap?

Pediatric Survival Rates



Adult Survival Rates





A New Vision for Management of Pediatric OHCA

- Support dispatcher-assisted bystander CPR for children and CPR training for the public
- Providing high-quality CPR on scene immediately to children suffering non-traumatic cardiac arrest (QI essential)
- Consider a pit-crew approach to pediatric resuscitation
- Discourage a “scoop and run” approach for non-traumatic OHCA
- Include children in TOR protocols
- Foster family-centered care and EMS provider training in communicating a child’s death



Questions?

