

# 7.h. GETAC Pediatric Committee

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# Pediatric Committee

## 2024 Committee Priority Outcomes

Priority Not Implemented  
Priority Activities Recorded  
Priority Completed and Monitored

| Committee Priorities                                                                                                           | Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Status |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Research Sudden Cardiac Arrests/Deaths (SCA/SCD) in pediatrics and ECG opt-out vs opt-in for sports physicals                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Tabitha Selvester has started research and will be leading this workgroup.</li><li>2. Workgroup has held several meetings.</li><li>3. Working on a resource toolkit for website</li></ol> |        |
| Pediatric Committee continues to work with the Stroke Committee to develop pediatric stroke guidelines.                        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Reviewing children’s hospitals pediatric stroke protocols and reviewing evidence based practice guidelines.</li><li>2. Development of a pediatric stroke guideline</li></ol>              |        |
| Pediatric Committee continues to collaborate for 2 workgroups (pediatric concussion/head injury and magnet/battery ingestion). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Development of pediatric concussion/head injury toolkit</li></ol>                                                                                                                         |        |
|                                                                                                                                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Development of pediatric magnet/battery ingestion toolkit.</li></ol>                                                                                                                      |        |

# Action Item Request and Purpose

- Please provide a **single**, clear and concise statement defining your action item request:
  - Request the 6 simulations approved by the Pediatric Committee be approved by the GETAC Executive Council
  - Requests that the simulation cases are posted to the DSHS website following final formatting.
  - Request that the Head Injury/Concussion Toolkit approved by the Pediatric Committee be approved by the GETAC Council and posted to the DSHS website.
- In **one** clear and concise statement, please explain the purpose for this request:
  - To move forward with publication of pediatric simulation cases
  - To move forward with publication and dissemination of the Head Injury/Concussion Toolkit

# Benefit and Timeline

- What is the intended impact or benefit resulting from this request?  
Please provide a clear and concise response in a single statement.
  - Improving pediatric outcomes through the utilization of pediatric simulation in designated trauma centers in Texas.
  - Creating an educational and resource toolkit for parents, schools, and athletic programs regarding head injuries and concussions.
- Please provide the timeline or relevant deadlines for this request.
  - November 2024

# 7.h.A. Action Item: Head Injury/Concussion Toolkit



# 7.h.B. Update: TX Pediatric Readiness Improvement Project



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**Pediatric Readiness  
Improvement Project  
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# **Texas Pediatric Readiness Improvement Project Update**

**GETAC November 2024**

# Texas Pediatric Readiness Project

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## Project Arms:

- Pediatric virtual education series
- 12 standardized pediatric trauma simulations
- Regional pediatric emergency care champions within each of 22 trauma service regions
- Pediatric QI performance measures and dashboards to drive pediatric QI efforts

## Supported by:

- Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council
- Texas EMS for Children
- Texas Emergency Nurses Association
- Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum
- Texas EMS and Trauma Acute Care Foundation
- National Pediatric Readiness Quality Initiative



# ED Pediatric Readiness Improvement Education Series

- 1-hour virtual sessions held 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month @7am
  - Pediatric-specific topics
  - Highlight evidence-based practices and resources for adoption
    - Applicable simulation exercises offered
    - Emphasis on evaluating ED performance using NPRQI platform
- January 18
  - February 15
  - March 21
  - April 18
  - May 16
  - June 20
  - July 18
  - August 15
  - September 19
  - October 17
  - November 21
  - December 19
  - January 16, 2025
  - February 20, 2025



Data from sessions 1-10

# Education Series Stats

| Session    | Topic                                                            | Registrants | Webinar Attendees | CE Awarded |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
|            |                                                                  |             | (unique viewers)  |            |
| Session 1  | Overview of the Texas Pediatric Readiness Improvement Initiative | 404         | 227               | 247        |
| Session 2  | ESI/Pediatric Assessment and                                     | 993         | 351               | 311        |
|            | Triage                                                           |             |                   |            |
| Session 3  | Respiratory Distress                                             | 1238        | 312               | 262        |
| Session 4  | Traumatic Brain Injury                                           | 1341        | 312               | 210        |
| Session 5  | Non-Accidental Trauma (Child Maltreatment)                       | 1404        | 259               | 183        |
| Session 6  | Long-bone Fractures and                                          | 1468        | 270               | 208        |
|            | Pain Management                                                  |             |                   |            |
| Session 7  | Pediatric Ingestions                                             | 1488        | 236               | 212        |
| Session 8  | Shock Recognition and Management                                 | 1528        | 240               | 175        |
| Session 9  | Neonatal Resuscitation                                           | 1567        | 219               | 158        |
| Session 10 | Pediatric Resources for EDs                                      | 1590        | 141               | N/A        |

## IMPACT on TEXAS HOSPITALS

## Find My Regional PECC

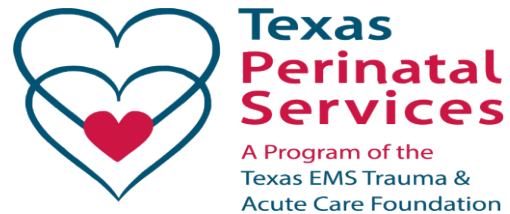
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- Regional Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators
  - 30 R-PECCs in 22 RACs
- Hospitals across the State with significant contacts
  - 238 in 22 RACs. All have agreed they are open to Pediatric Readiness.
- Simulations conducted in Emergency Departments
  - 692 sims in 21 RACs (all but 1 RAC has conducted sims)
- Number of staff participants in simulation scenarios
  - **2,649+ people in 21 RACs since early February.**

# Texas Pediatric Readiness Project

## Evaluation Summary Metrics

Sessions 1 – Sessions 9

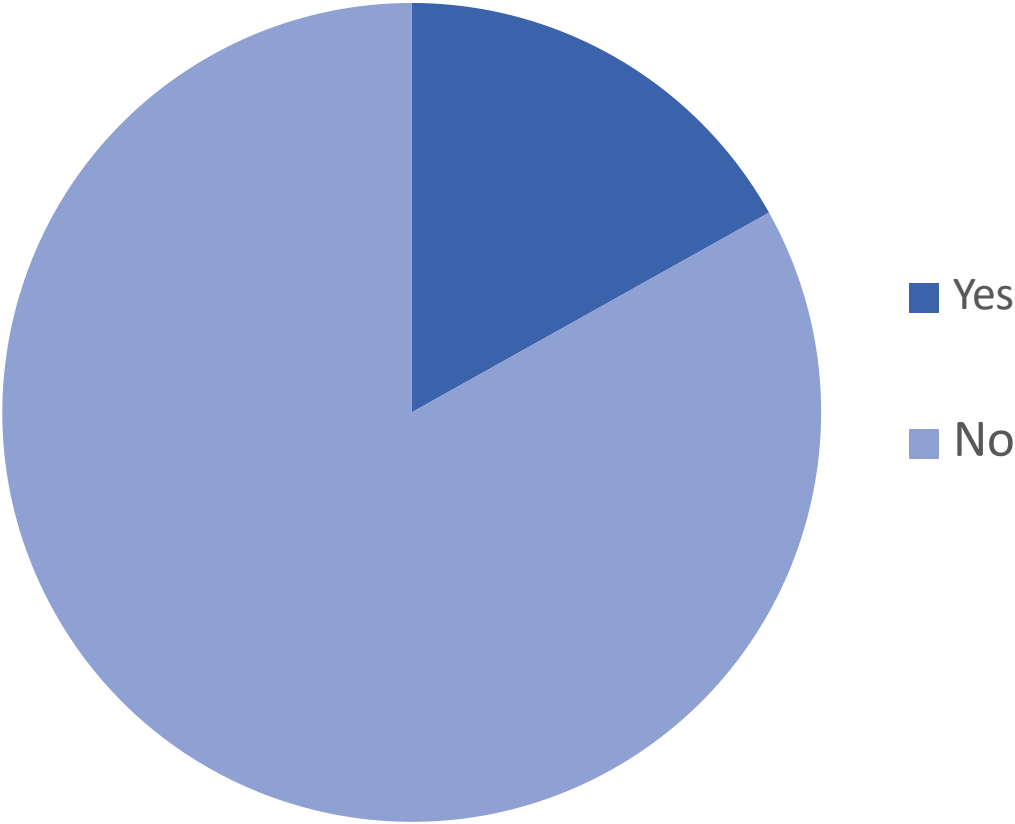


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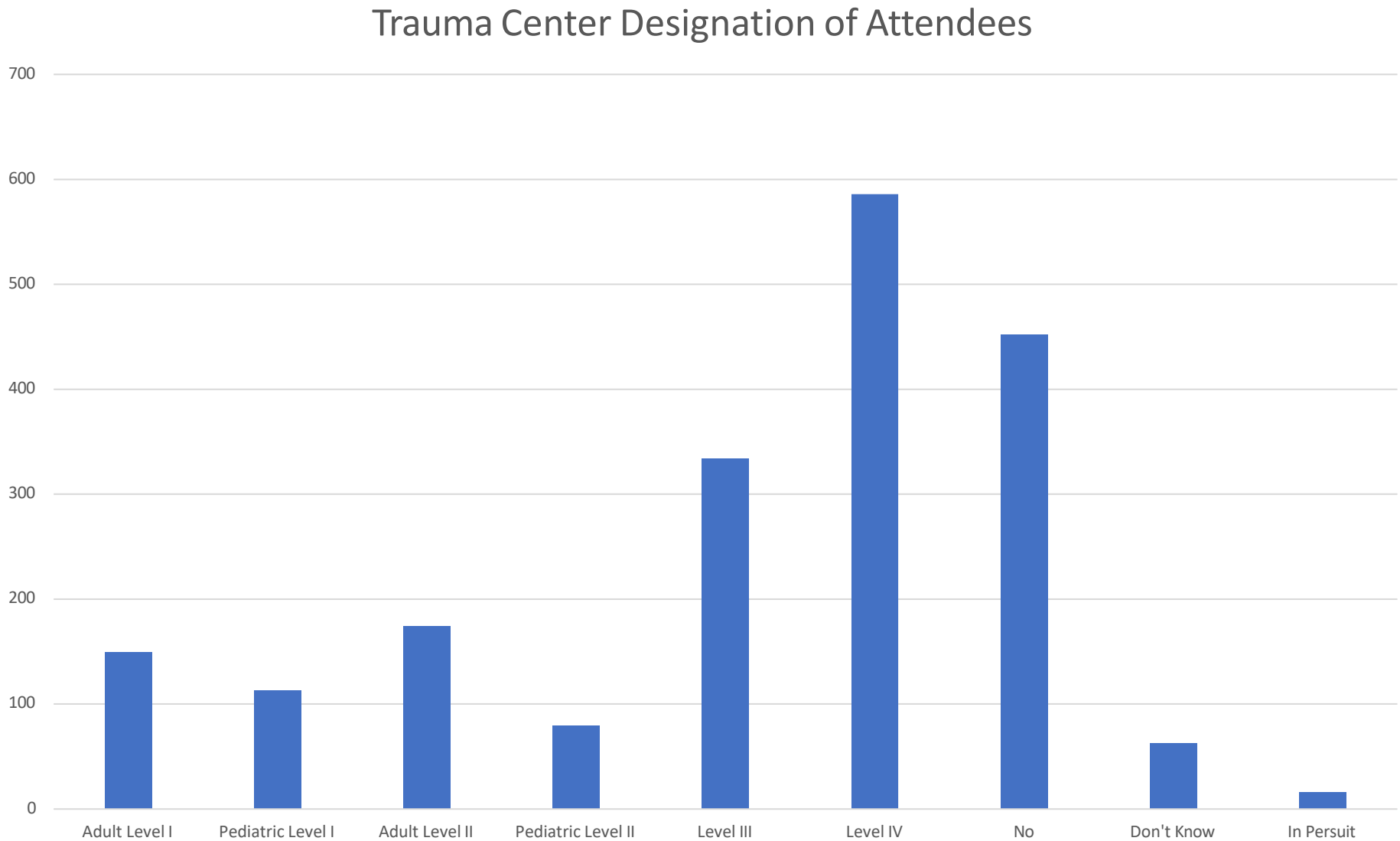
|                                                            | Topic                          | NCPD Attendance | Average Evaluation Score |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Session 1                                                  | Pediatric Readiness Initiative | 247             | 4.72                     |
| Session 2                                                  | Triage & ESI                   | 311             | 4.80                     |
| Session 3                                                  | Respiratory                    | 262             | 4.71                     |
| Session 4                                                  | TBI                            | 210             | 4.76                     |
| Session 5                                                  | Child Maltreatment             | 183             | 4.90                     |
| Session 6                                                  | Long Bone Fractures            | 208             | 4.86                     |
| Session 7                                                  | Ingestions                     | 212             | 4.84                     |
| Session 8                                                  | Shock                          | 175             | 4.82                     |
| Session 9                                                  | Newborn Resuscitation          | 158             | 4.81                     |
| Total Continuing Professional Development Hours<br>Awarded |                                | 1966            | 4.80                     |

# Continuing Professional Development: Summary

Attendees Serve as Organizational PECC

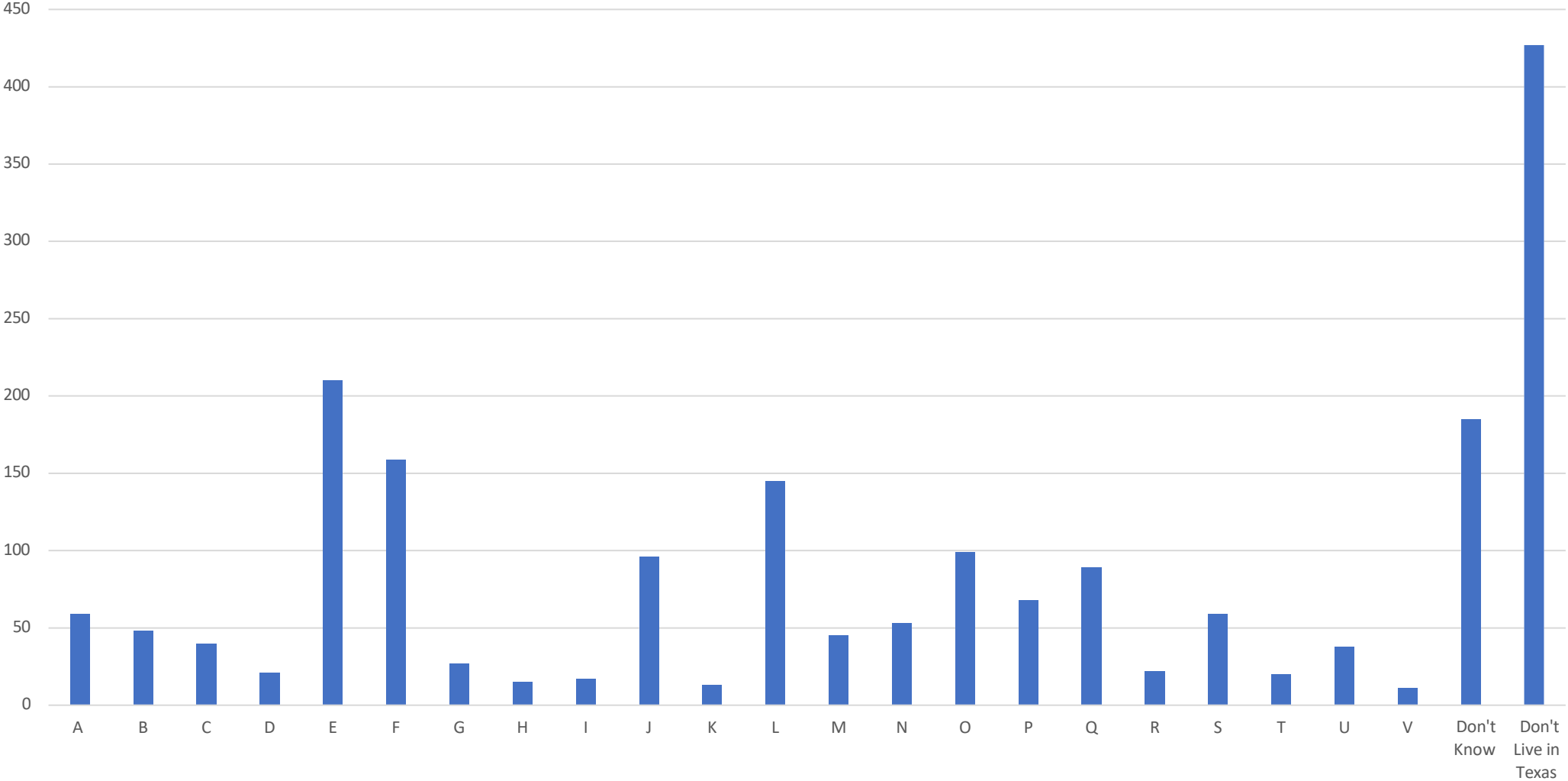


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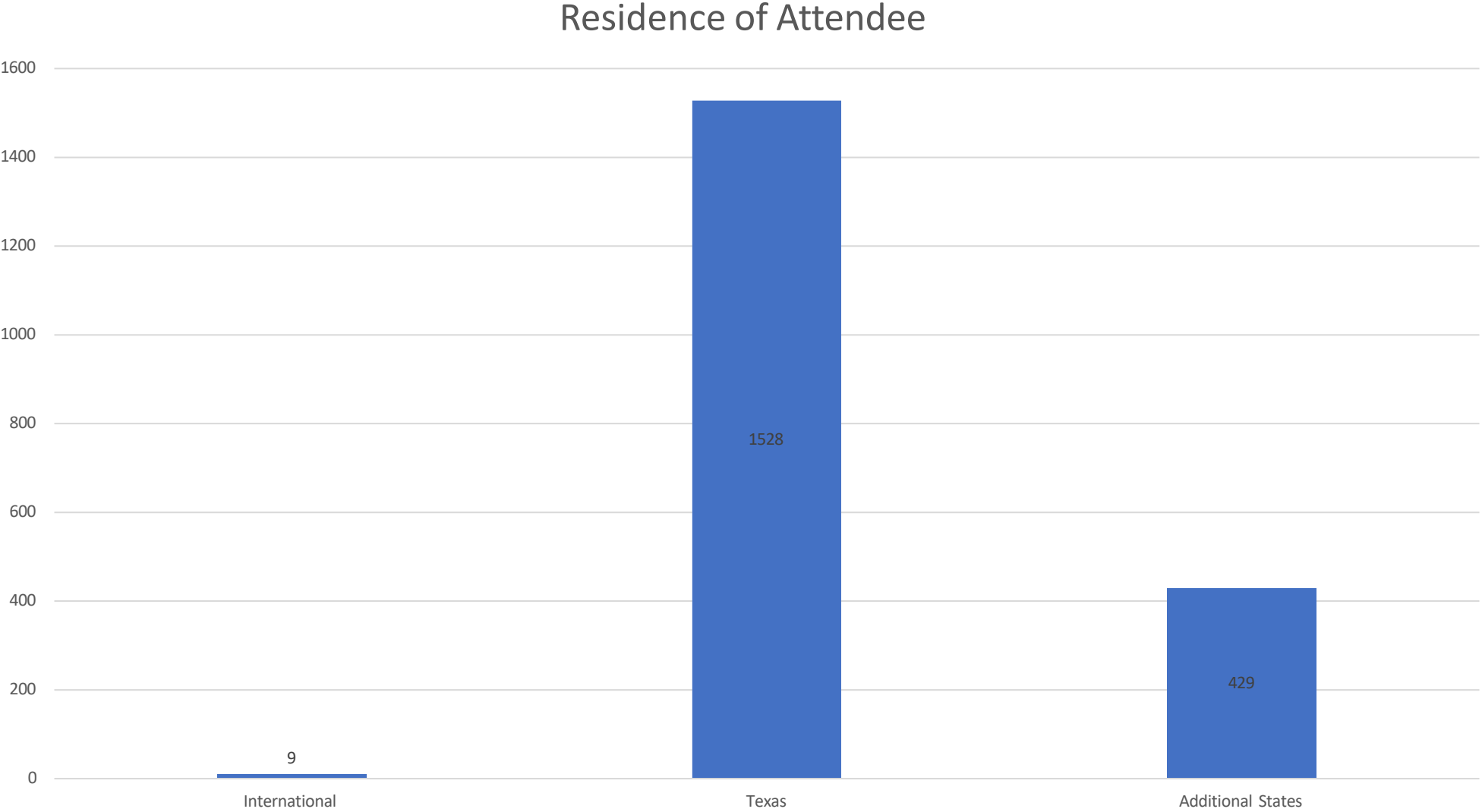


# Continuing Professional Development: Summary

NCPD Hours Awarded Per RAC



# Continuing Professional Development: Summary



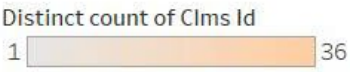
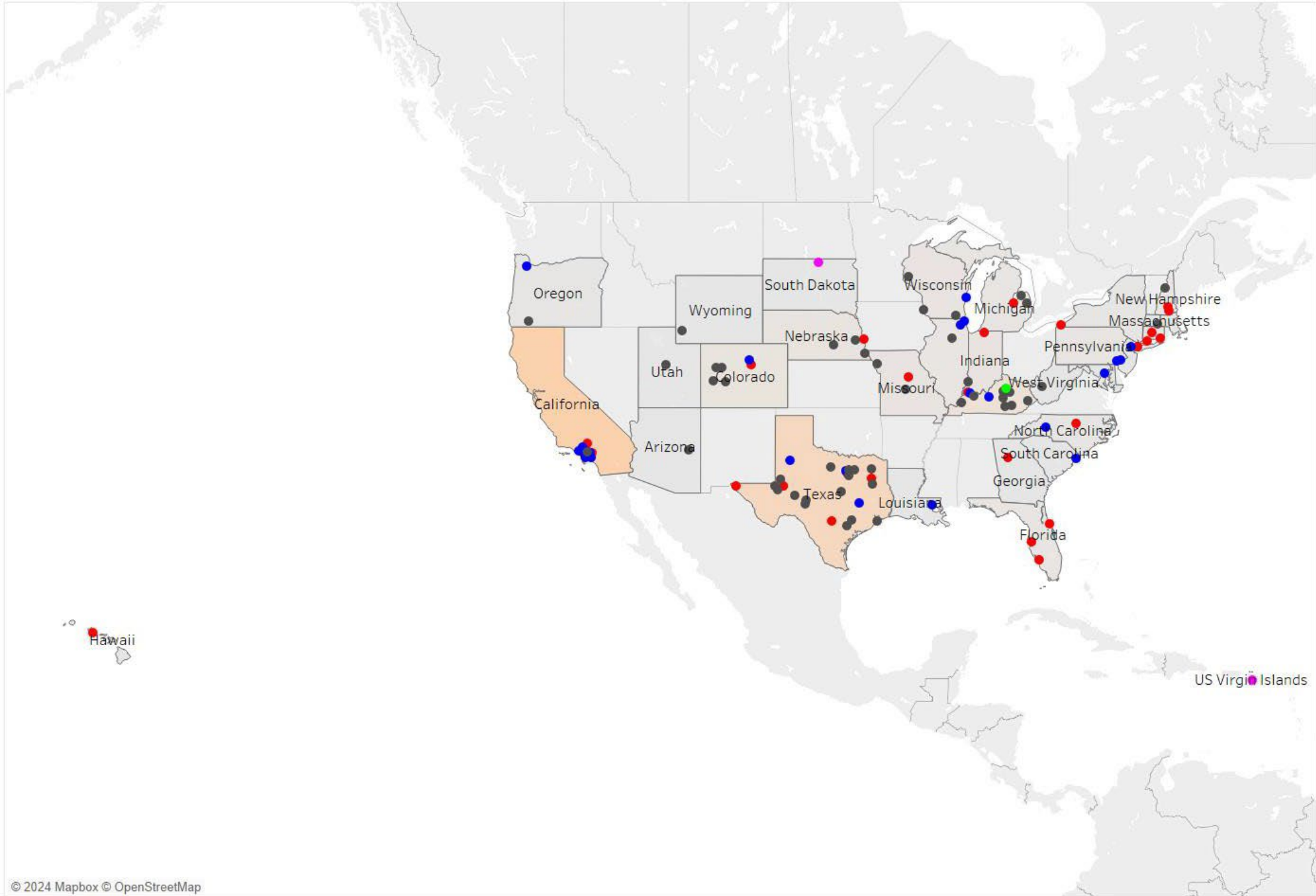
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*Pediatric Readiness Quality Initiative*  
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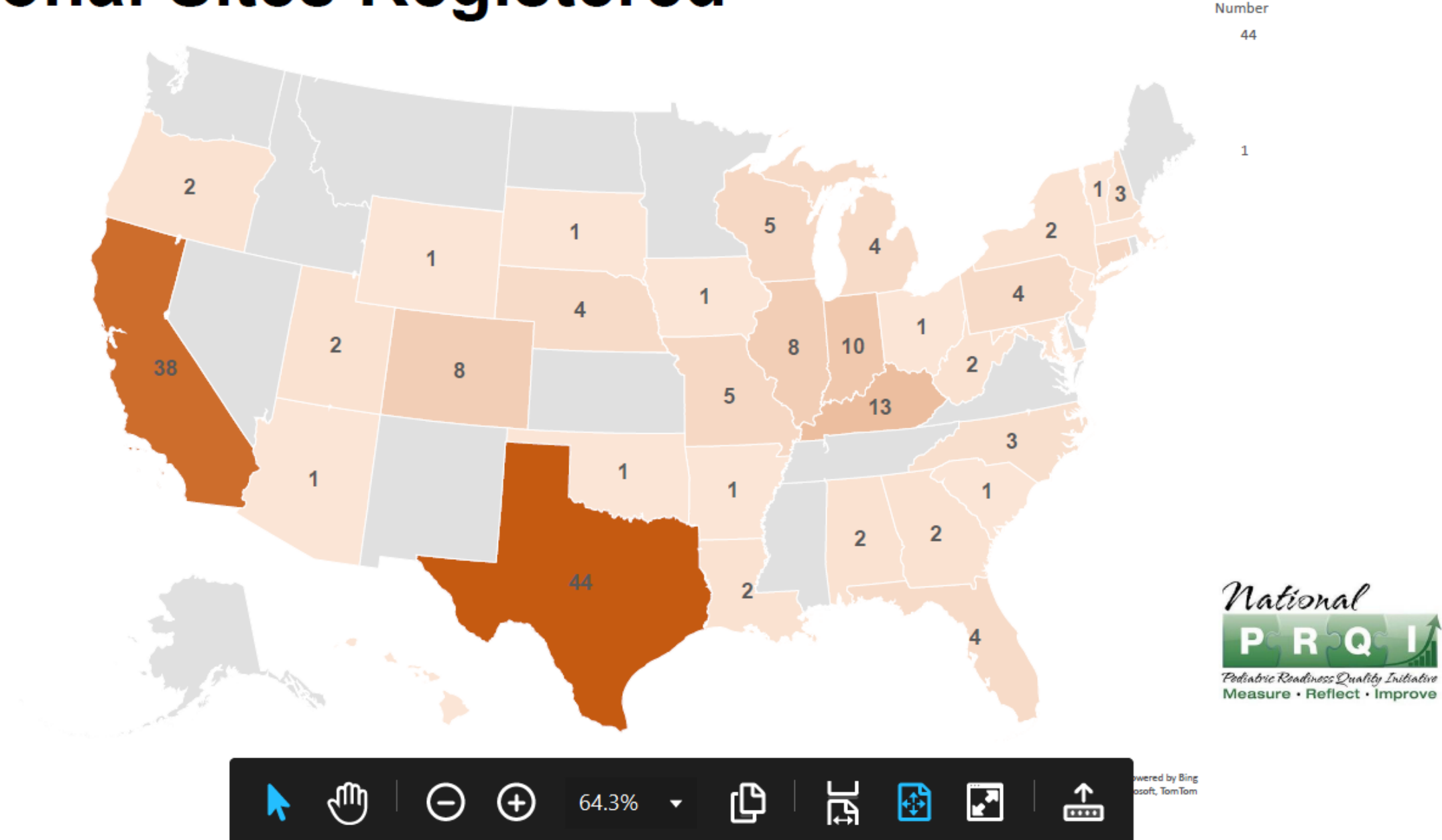
# **NPRQI Update**

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- Geographic Location
- None of these apply
  - Remote
  - Rural
  - Suburban
  - Urban

# National Sites Registered



# Data from PRQC



Patient Safety



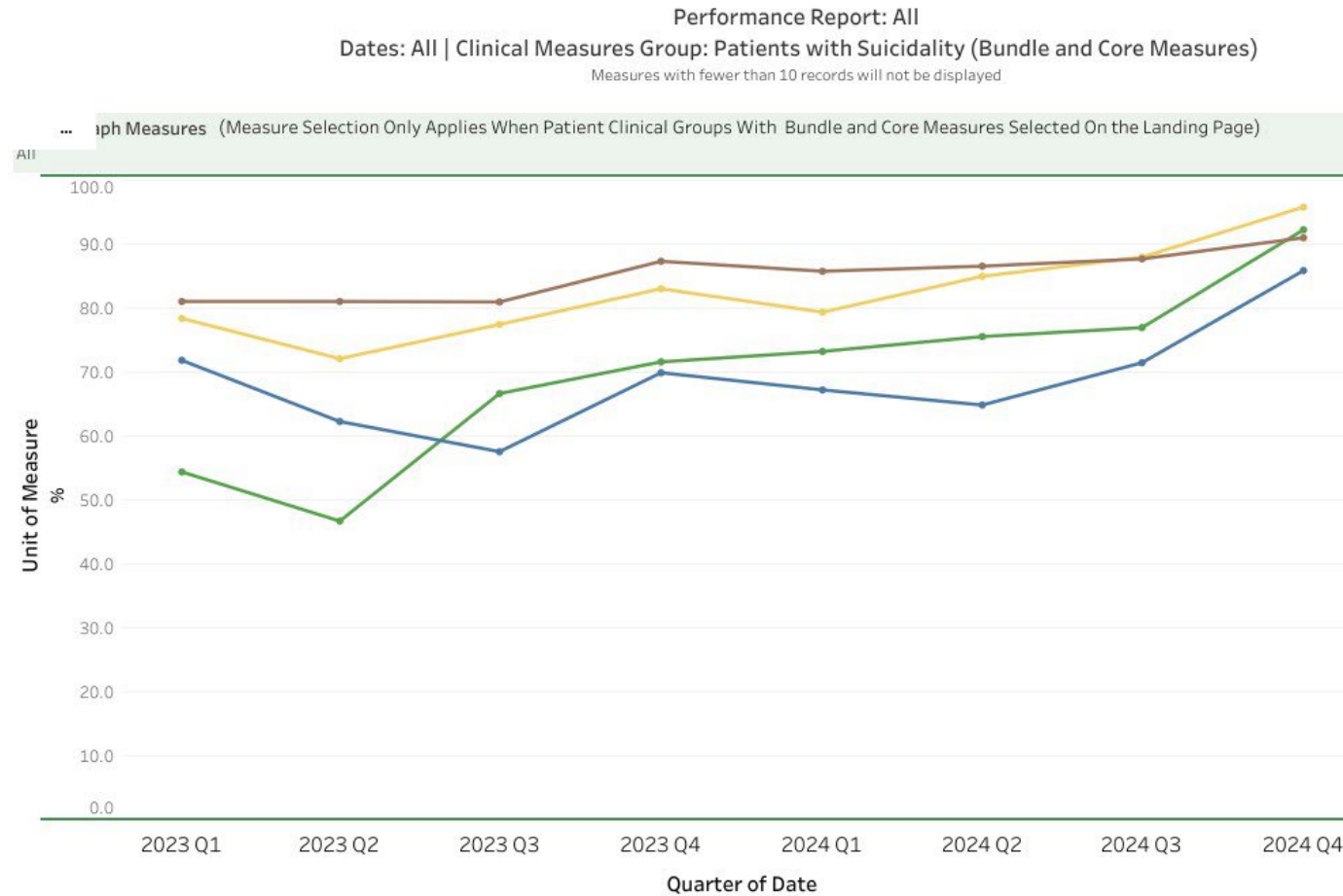
Abnormal  
Vital Signs



Pain  
Assessment



Suicidality



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% of pediatric patients with weight documented in kilograms only

% of pediatric patients with pain assessed

Median ED length of stay

% of high acuity pediatric patients with vital signs re-assessed

Median time from triage to first intervention

% of transferred pediatric patients who met site-specific transfer criteria

Median time from triage to transport

% of transferred pediatric patients who were discharged from the receiving ED

% of adolescents who were assessed with a suicide screening tool

% of pediatric patients with a positive suicide screen who had a structured suicide ..

% of pediatric patients with a positive suicide screen who received consultation wi..

% of pediatric patients with a positive suicide screen who received a discharge saf..



# Texas Sites Profiles

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# Participating Texas Sites



## B-B

University Medical Center

## C-North Texas

Graham Hospital District

## E- North Central Texas

Baylor All Saints Medical Center at Fort Worth

Medical City ER Saginaw

Methodist Richardson Medical Center

Methodist Southlake Hospital

Texas Health Hospital Mansfield

## G-Piney Woods

Christus Mother Frances Hospital - Jacksonville

Christus Mother Frances Hospital - Tyler

Christus Mother Frances Hospital - Winnsboro

## I-Border

El Paso Children's Hospital

University Medical Center of El Paso

## J-Texas

Medical Center Health System

Permian Regional Medical Center

Ward Memorial Hospital

Winkler County Memorial Hospital

## K-Concho Valley

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital

Reagan Hospital District

Schleicher County Medical Center

## L-Central Texas

Coryell Memorial Hospital

# Participating Texas Sites



## N-Brazos Valley

Baylor Scott and White Medical  
Center - College Station

## S-Golden Crescent

Lavaca Medical Center

Cuero Regional Hospital

## P-Southwest Texas

Christus Children's

## R-East Texas Gulf Coast

HCA Houston Healthcare  
Mainland

# Clarification on Chart Requirement for NPRQI

## NPRQI Data Collection Targets

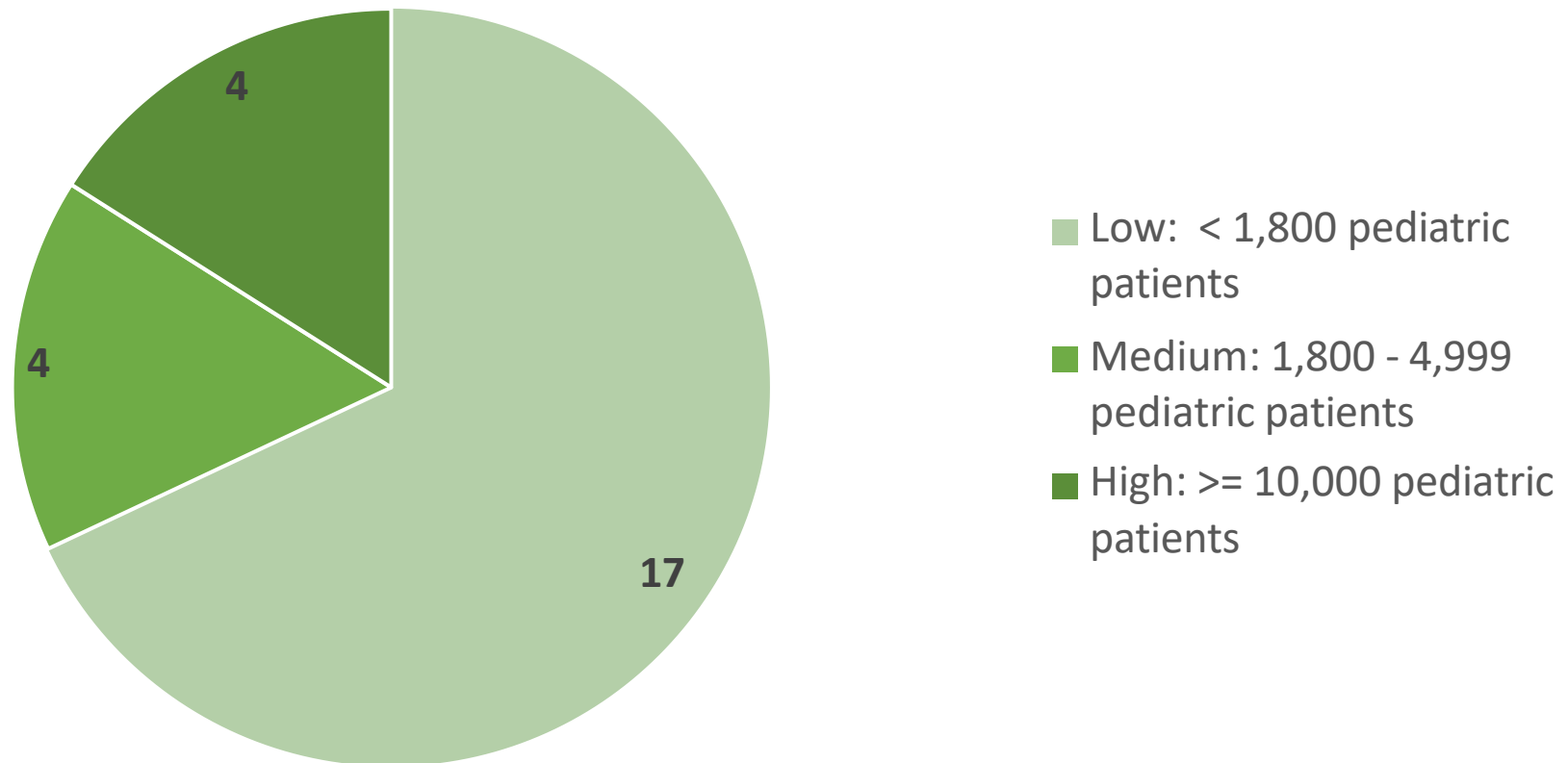


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| <b>Initial Data Entry</b>              | To ensure confidentiality of the first set of patient encounters entered into the platform, a <b>minimum of 10 patient charts must be submitted</b> before performance will be displayed on dashboards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Baseline Performance Data Entry</b> | For a realistic view of the ED's baseline performance, a <b>minimum of 30 patient encounters should be entered in the platform</b> . This allows for 3 data points that reflect baseline performance. These may be entered over a few days, weeks, months, or quarter depending on patient volume and the ED team's bandwidth.                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Ongoing Data Entry</b>              | To <b>maximize the benefits</b> of the NPRQI platform, <b>patient charts should be entered at regular intervals</b> , based on the ED team's bandwidth and patient volume. Each ED has sole discretion when deciding which patients should be selected for data entry and which metrics should be targeted for improvement efforts. It is recommended that ED's consider pulling every 5th, 10th, 20 <sup>th</sup> or other scheduled frequency for patient chart selection. |

Note: NPRQI offers office hours to participating EDs regarding data sampling strategies, getting started with data entry, and data interpretation.

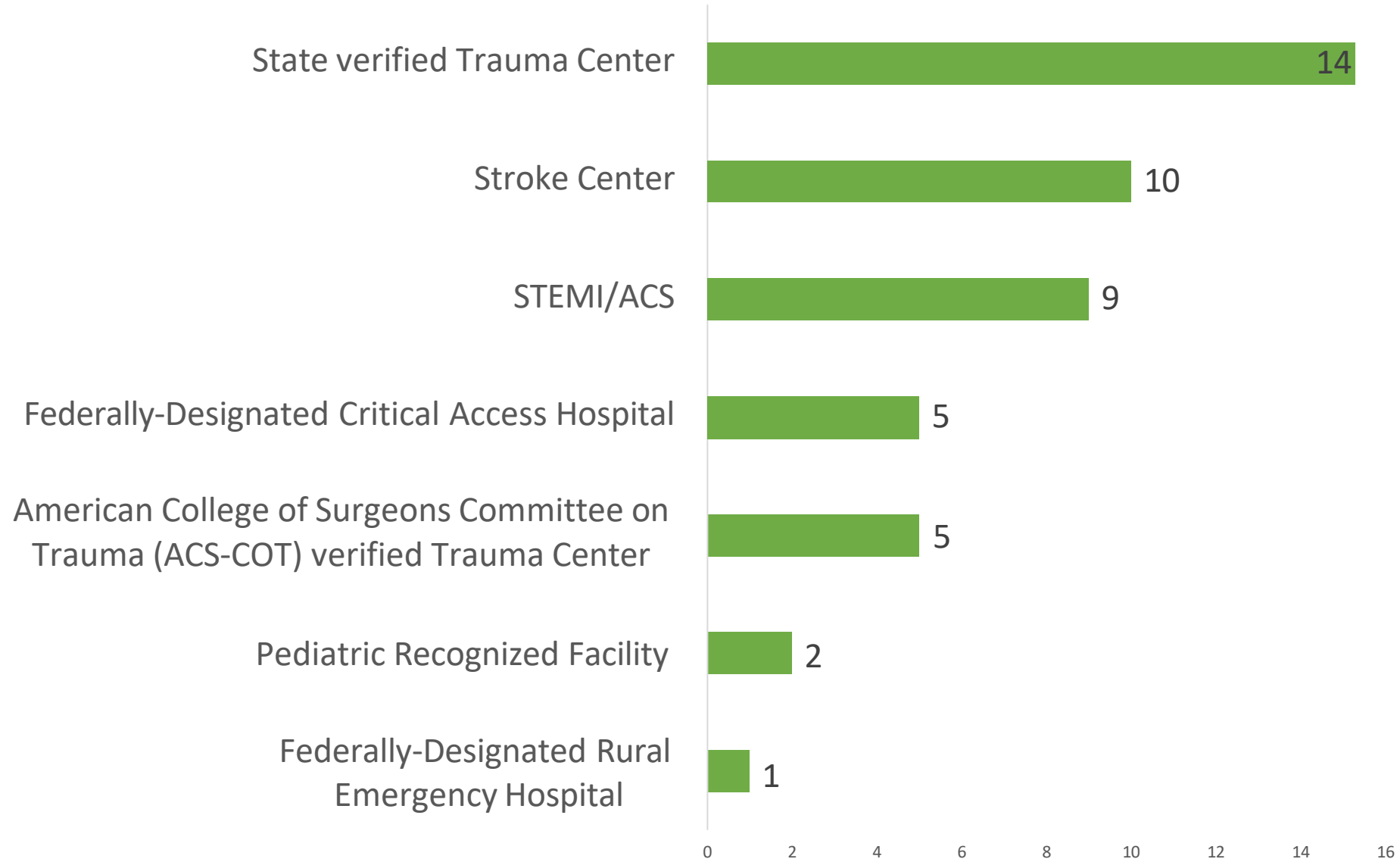


# Texas Sites Annual Pediatric Volume





# Texas Sites Specialty Center Status



# Performance Groupings



EDs and Hospitals



Healthcare  
Networks



Trauma Service  
Areas



State/ National  
Aggregate

# RAC Dashboard

## NPRQI Regional Reporting Dashboard

State: Texas | Region: \*  
7 Sites / 467 Records

Make your selections from the green filter bar, and Click "GO" to return your report

Year

Select all that apply

All

Quarter

Limit the # of Quarters by selecting Year(s) first

None

Region

All

Results View

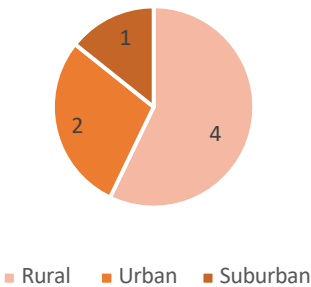
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Patient Clinical Group

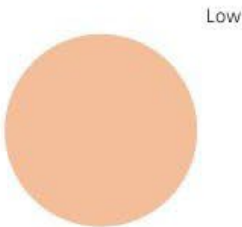
All Patients (Core Measures)



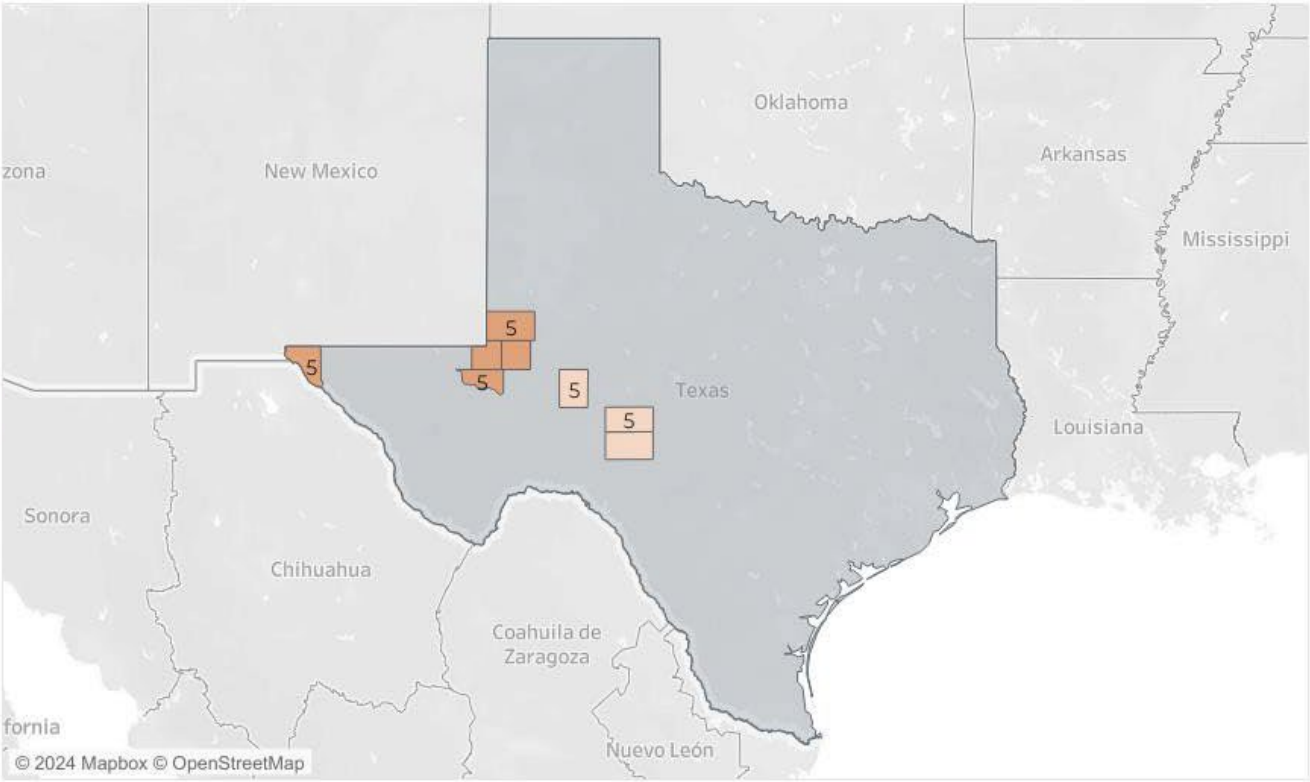
Region I, J, K Sites by Geographic Category



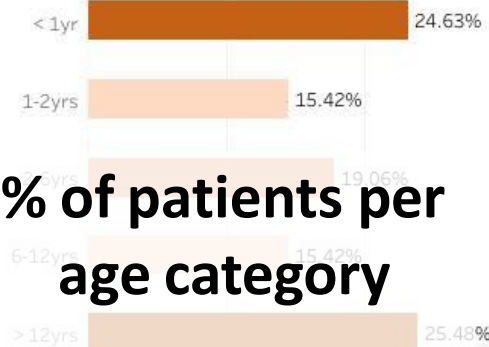
Region I, J, K Sites by Patient Volume



Participation in the National Pediatric Readiness Quality Initiative

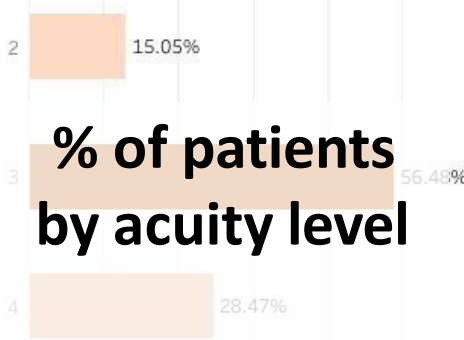


Region I, J, K Patients by Age Category



% of patients per age category

Region I, J, K Patients by Triage Level



% of patients by acuity level



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## Site-level dashboard

## NPRQI Reporting Dashboard

106 Sites / 15,267 Records

Make your selections from the green filter bar, and Click "GO" to return your report

| Year                  | Quarter                                            | Site |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------|
| Select all that apply | Limit the # of Quarters by selecting Year(s) first |      |
| All                   | All                                                | All  |

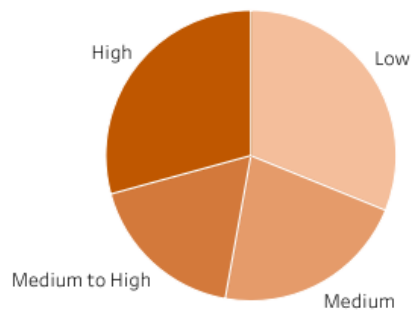
Results View   Patient Clinical Group

Table

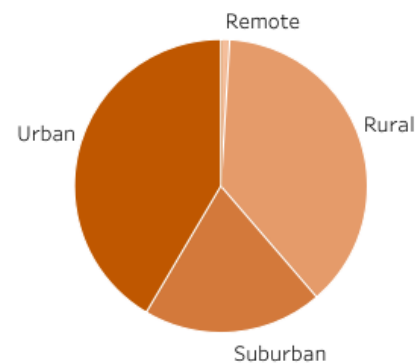
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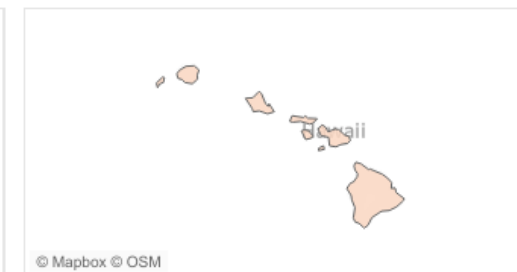
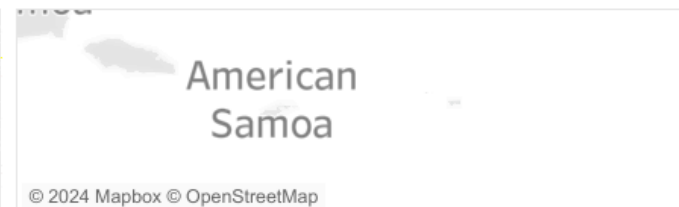
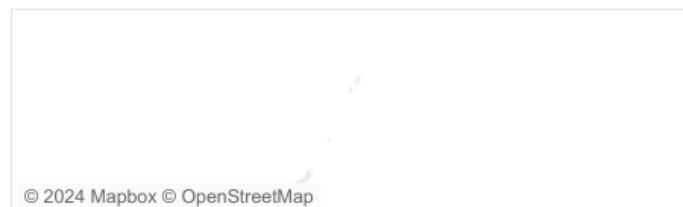
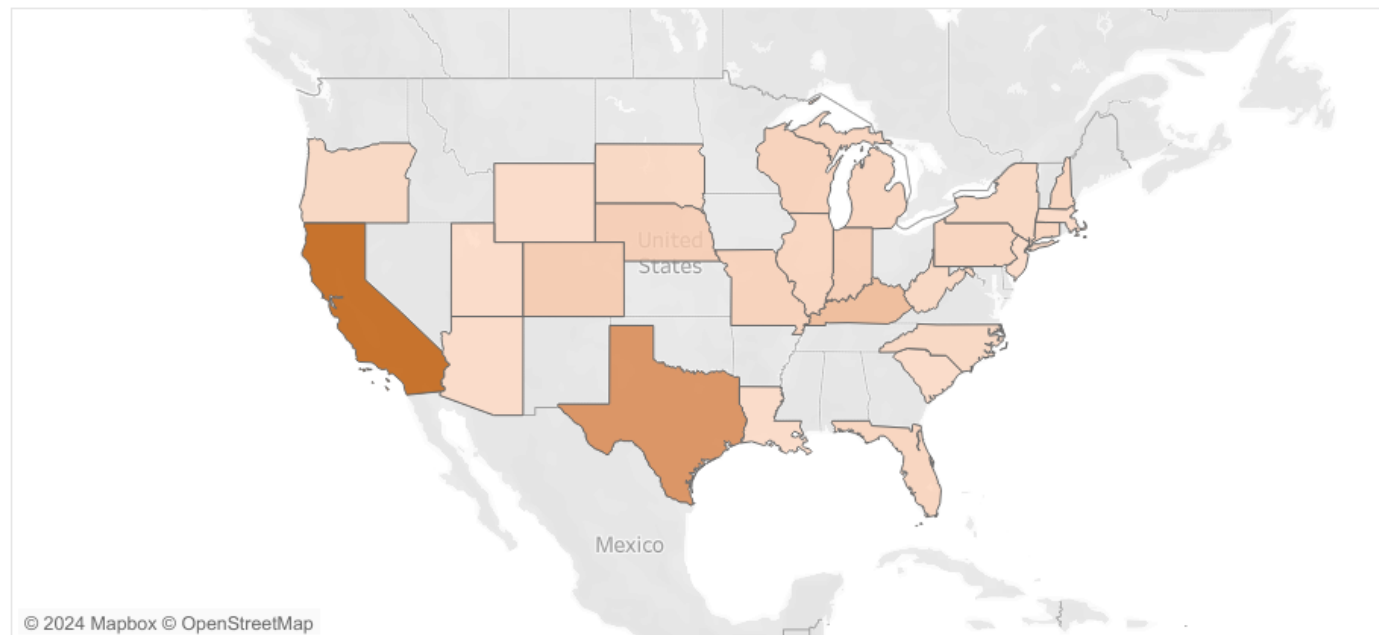
Number of Sites by Patient Volume Category



### Number of Sites by Geographic Category



## Participation in the National Pediatric Readiness Quality Initiative



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# NPRQI Site Dashboard – Table View

(site must enter a minimum of 10 records before data will appear on dashboard)



Performance Report:  
Dates: 2023 Q1 to 2024 Q1 | Clinical Measures Group: All Patients (Core Measures)

Measures with fewer than 10 records will not be displayed  
\*Cohort performance represents the average of site performances for sites within the same patient volume category (displayed with minimum of 5 sites)  
\*\*National performance represents the average of site performances across all participating sites (displayed with a minimum of 5 sites)

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Last Patient Included:  
2/3/2024

| Patient Volume | Bundle               | # of Records | Quality Measure                                                               | Your Performance | National Performance ** | Cohort Performance * |   |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
|                | ASSESSMENT           | 280          | % of pediatric patients with weight documented in kilograms only              | 95.0 %           | 60.7 %                  | 43.5 %               | i |
|                |                      |              | % of pediatric patients with pain assessed                                    | 71.8 %           | 78.5 %                  | 83.6 %               | i |
|                |                      | 277          | Median ED length of stay                                                      | 93.0 minutes     | 187.7 minutes           | 116.1 minutes        | i |
|                | ABNORMAL VITAL SIGNS | 92           | % of high acuity pediatric patients with vital signs re-assessed              | 88.0 %           | 82.1 %                  | 79.6 %               | i |
|                |                      | 60           | Median time from triage to first intervention                                 | 43.0 minutes     | 60.9 minutes            | 49.6 minutes         | i |
|                | TRANSFER OF PATIENTS | 5            | % of transferred pediatric patients who met site-specific transfer criteria   | --               | 99.7 %                  | --                   | i |
|                |                      |              | Median time from triage to transport                                          | --               | 460.1 minutes           | --                   | i |
|                |                      | 0            | % of transferred pediatric patients who were discharged from the receiving ED | --               | --                      | --                   | i |

Patient Demographics

Patient level filters are not applied to the National or Cohort Performance Metrics.

Age Category  
All

Triage Level  
All

Ethnicity  
All

Race  
All

Gender  
All

Payor Source  
All



Geography: All | Patient Volume: All | ED Configuration: All | Specialty Center Status: All  
Age Category: All | Triage Level: All | Ethnicity: All | Race: All | Gender: All | Payor Source: All

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# NPRQI Site Dashboard – Graph View

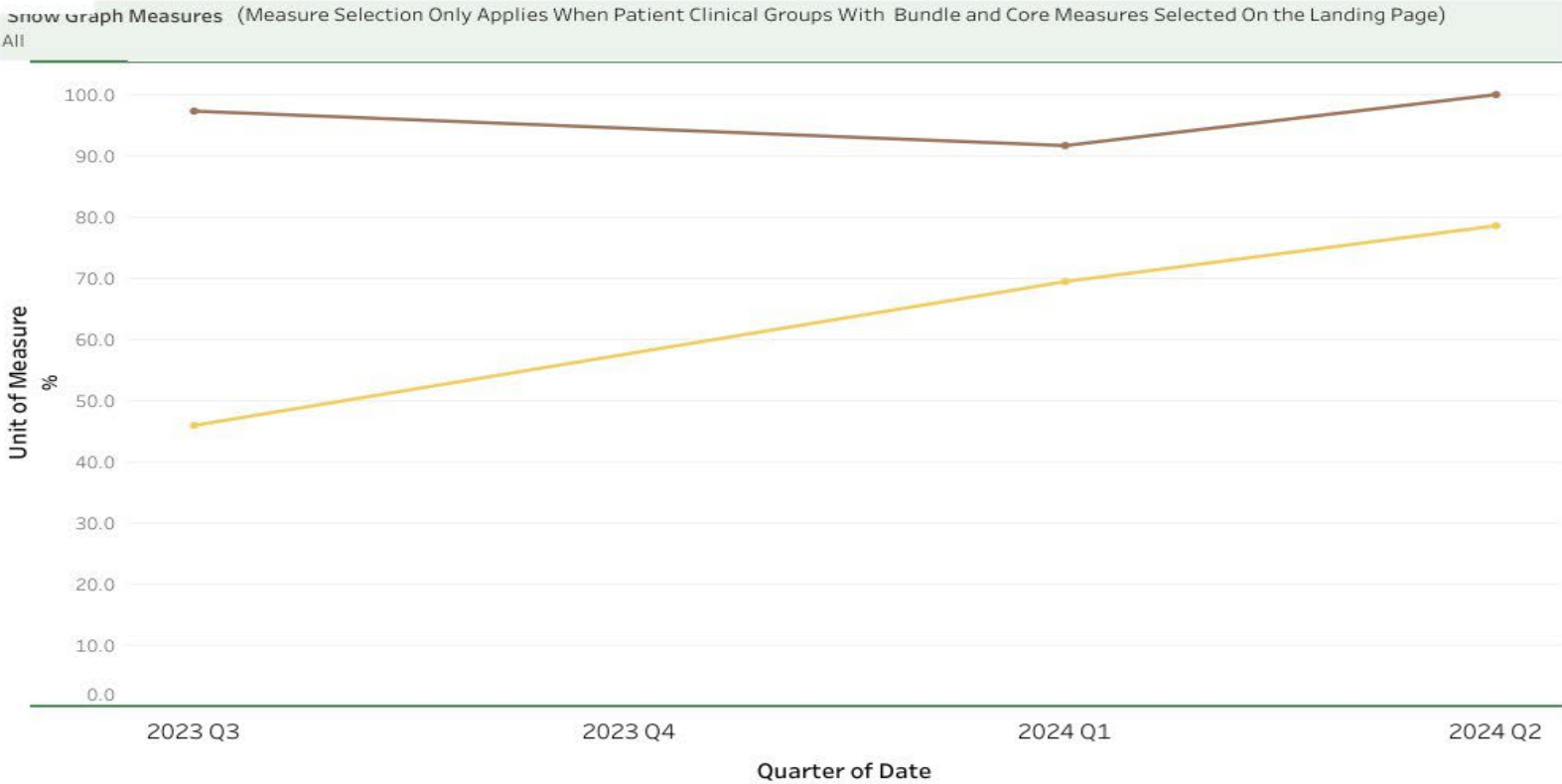
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Performance Report:  
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| Graph - Legend                                                                |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ctrl + Click to select multiple Measures to be displayed                      |                                     |
| % of pediatric patients with weight documented in kilograms only              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| % of pediatric patients with pain assessed                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Median ED length of stay                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| % of high acuity pediatric patients with vital signs re-assessed              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Median time from triage to first intervention                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| % of transferred pediatric patients who met site-specific transfer criteria   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Median time from triage to transport                                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| % of transferred pediatric patients who were discharged from the receiving ED | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Patient Demographics

Age Category  
All

Triage Level  
All

Ethnicity  
All

Race  
All

Gender  
All

Payor Source  
All



### Pediatric Readiness Save Lives

Newgard et al. (2023). Emergency Department Pediatric Readiness and Short-term and Long-term Mortality Among Children Receiving Emergency Care. *JAMA Open Network*, 6 (1), 1-14.

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2800400>

- Free, self-paced platform
- Ensures site confidentiality
- Web-based data entry and data visualization tools
- Measures performance over time
- Benchmarking against National Aggregate Performance
- Benchmarking against EDs with similar profiles



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Original Investigation | Emergency Medicine

## State and National Estimates of the Cost of Emergency Department Pediatric Readiness and Lives Saved

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### Abstract

**IMPORTANCE** High emergency department (ED) pediatric readiness is associated with improved survival among children receiving emergency care, but state and national costs to reach high ED readiness and the resulting number of lives that may be saved are unknown.

**OBJECTIVE** To estimate the state and national annual costs of raising all EDs to high pediatric readiness and the resulting number of pediatric lives that may be saved each year.

**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS** This cohort study used data from EDs in 50 US states and the District of Columbia from 2012 through 2022. Eligible children were ages 0 to 17 years receiving emergency services in US EDs and requiring admission, transfer to another hospital for admission, or dying in the ED (collectively termed at-risk children). Data were analyzed from October 2023 to May 2024.

**EXPOSURE** EDs considered to have high readiness, with a weighted pediatric readiness score of 88 or above (range 0 to 100, with higher numbers representing higher readiness).

**MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES** Annual hospital expenditures to reach high ED readiness from current levels and the resulting number of pediatric lives that may be saved through universal high ED readiness.

**RESULTS** A total 842 of 4840 EDs (17.4%; range, 2.9% to 100% by state) had high pediatric readiness. The annual US cost for all EDs to reach high pediatric readiness from current levels was \$207 335 302 (95% CI, \$188 401 692–\$226 268 912), ranging from \$0 to \$11.84 per child by state. Of the 7619 child deaths occurring annually after presentation, 2143 (28.1%; 95% CI, 678–3608) were preventable through universal high ED pediatric readiness, with population-adjusted state estimates ranging from 0 to 69 pediatric lives per year.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** In this cohort study, raising all EDs to high pediatric readiness was estimated to prevent more than one-quarter of deaths among children receiving emergency services, with modest financial investment. State and national policies that raise ED pediatric readiness may save thousands of children's lives each year.

### Key Points

**Question** What are the state and national costs of raising all emergency departments (EDs) to high pediatric readiness and the potential number of lives saved?

**Findings** In this cohort study of 4840 EDs across the US, 842 (17.4%) had high pediatric readiness and the annual cost to reach high pediatric readiness was \$207 335 302, ranging from \$0 to \$11.84 per child by state. An estimated 2143 pediatric lives may be saved each year through universal high ED pediatric readiness.

**Meaning** These results suggest that raising all EDs to high pediatric readiness would potentially save thousands of pediatric lives each year, with modest financial investment.

+ Invited Commentary

+ Supplemental content

Author affiliations and article information are listed at the end of this article.

## 1 in 4 Child Deaths After E.R. Visits Are Preventable, Study Finds

If every emergency room in the United States were fully prepared to treat children, thousands of lives would be saved and the cost would be \$11.84 or less per child, researchers found.

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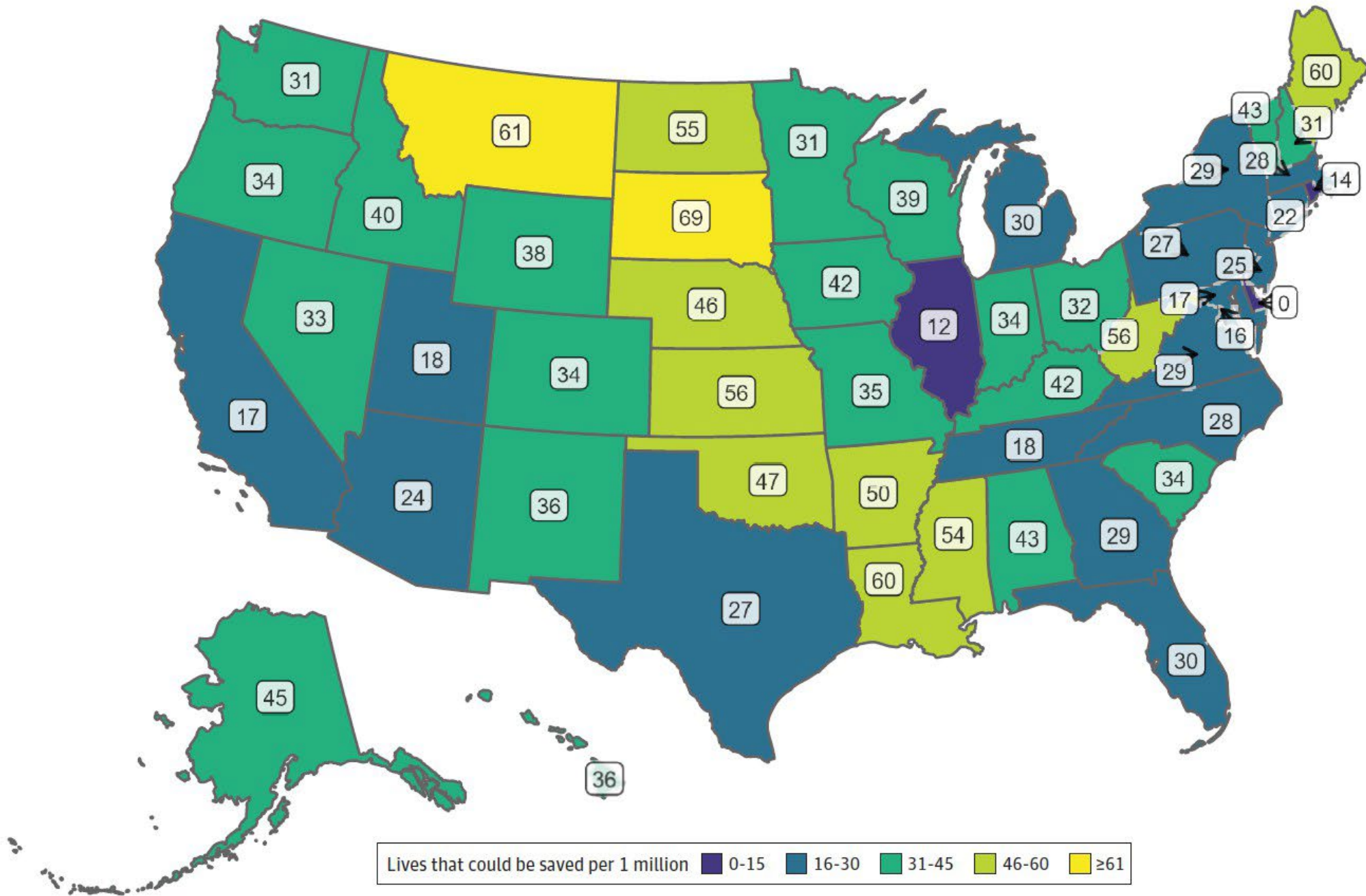


Data from 4,840 emergency rooms across the United States found that 842 of them — less than one-fifth — were considered well-prepared for pediatric emergencies. Hiroko Masuike/The New York Times



By Emily Baumgaertner

Figure 4. Population-Adjusted Estimates for the Annual Number of Pediatric Lives Saved Through Universal High ED Pediatric Readiness by State



# Summary

- This project is impacting hospitals in every RAC
- Hospitals are identifying PECCs and participating in NPRQI
- Hospitals are completing their NPRP assessment, identifying gaps and implementing action plans
- ED staff and EMS providers are participating in pediatric trauma simulation
- Regional PECCs are making a difference in hospital engagement and handing off simulation to H-PECCs
- RAC Leaders have been invaluable to supporting this project!
- 5 RACs have purchased Laerdal simulators for all their member hospital.
- On September 1, 2025 Trauma Centers will be held to the trauma rules requiring EDs to be PEDS READY

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Readiness  
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