

EMS-C Internet and Other Resources for Children with Special Health Care Needs

<http://ems-c.org> -- Emergency Medical Services for Children. A national initiative designed to reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness and injury. Medical personnel, parents and volunteers, community groups and businesses, and national organizations and foundations all contribute to the effort. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS) administers the program in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

<http://www.ems-c.org/products/frameproducts.htm> -- The EMS-C Product List for Children with Special Health Care Needs. Some examples of information available include:

Recommendations for Emergency Care Plans for Children with Special Health Care Needs. Publication produced by the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI) under its contract (98-MCHB-73A) with the Maternal Child Health Bureau, Health Resource and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, available through the EMSC Clearinghouse, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182-2536.

Special Children's Outreach and Prehospital Education (SCOPE) Instructor and Student Manuals. EMS and Children with Special Health Care Needs Project, Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC. Developed by Terry Adirim, MD, MPH, Betsy Smith, RN, NREMT-P, and Tasmeen Singh, MPH, NREMT-P.

Improving Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs from Diverse Cultural Backgrounds: An Action Plan. This is a resource that provides recommendations and strategies for implementing the recommendations in improving the care of children with special health care needs from different cultural backgrounds.

www.ems-c.org/downloads/pdf/1006disastprep.pdf -- February 2003 Pediatric Preparedness for Disaster and Terrorism National Consensus Conference Executive Summary. Conference sponsored by the Program for Pediatric Preparedness of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP), and others.

<http://www.ncemch.org/> — The National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse (NCEMCH) is a federally supported comprehensive resource center for maternal and child health information including information on children with special health care needs, adolescents and mental health, and emergency medical services for children. NCEMCH provides access to data, research findings, consensus reports, and other products. The web site enables key word searching and contains published bibliographies.

<http://www.aap.org/advocacy/blankform.pdf> — Emergency Information Forms (EIF) for Children with Special Health Care Needs. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Emergency Physicians have created an Emergency Information Form (EIF) for parents of children with special health care needs that places pertinent medical information in one accessible place. The tool helps physicians, parents, EMS professionals, and nurses provide prompt and appropriate care. The site links to a PDF version of the EIF as well as Q&A and other information on its history and intended use.

<http://www.aap.org/advocacy/emergprep.htm> — American Academy of Pediatrics Emergency Preparedness for Children with Special Health Care Needs web site resource list.

<http://www.ichp.edu/> — The Institute for Child Health Policy is a key resource for information about meeting the needs of children with special health care needs (CSHCN) in a managed care setting. Includes information about Supplemental Security Income, State Child Health Insurance programs and state CSHCN programs.

<http://www.nichcy.org/> — The National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities Home Page (NICHCY) serves as a national resource center providing information and resources about national organizations and state agencies addressing disability issues, disability-specific fact sheets, parent guides, conferences, and legislative updates. Primary care providers, hospital discharge planners, and parents and teachers of children with special health care needs should visit this site.

<http://www.amchp.org/aboutamchp/pubs-hrsa.htm> — Care Coordination for Children with Special Health Care Needs and their Families in the New Millennium. This document, authored by the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Work Group, contains principles, goals, discussion, and recommendations on care coordination for children with special health care needs.

Emergency Medical Services for Children, National Taskforce on Children with Special Health Care Needs: EMS for children: Recommendations for coordinating care for children with special health care needs. *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, September 1997; 30; 274-280. — This article provides a plan for all acute care facilities to ensure that families of children with special health care needs find and coordinate the follow-up care and services they require during the transition from hospital to school and community.

Emergency Preparedness of Children with Special Health Care Needs. Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Downloaded from www.pediatrics.org/cgi/content/full/104/4/e53, current as of January 16, 2006. — Originally published in 1999, this article discusses the formulation of the AAP/ACEP standardized Emergency Information Form and provides sample forms.

“The Decontamination of Children,” a video available in DVD or VHS format, may be ordered by calling 1-800-358-9295 or by sending an email to ahrqpubs@ahrq.gov. View a clip from the video online at www.ahrq.gov/research/decontam.htm. Additional information to help communities respond to bioterrorism or other public health emergencies, also sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) under its Bioterrorism and Emergency Preparedness Program, go to: www.ahrq.gov/path/biotrspn.htm.