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Iowa Pediatric Emergency Assessment and Care (IPEAC) Recognition Program



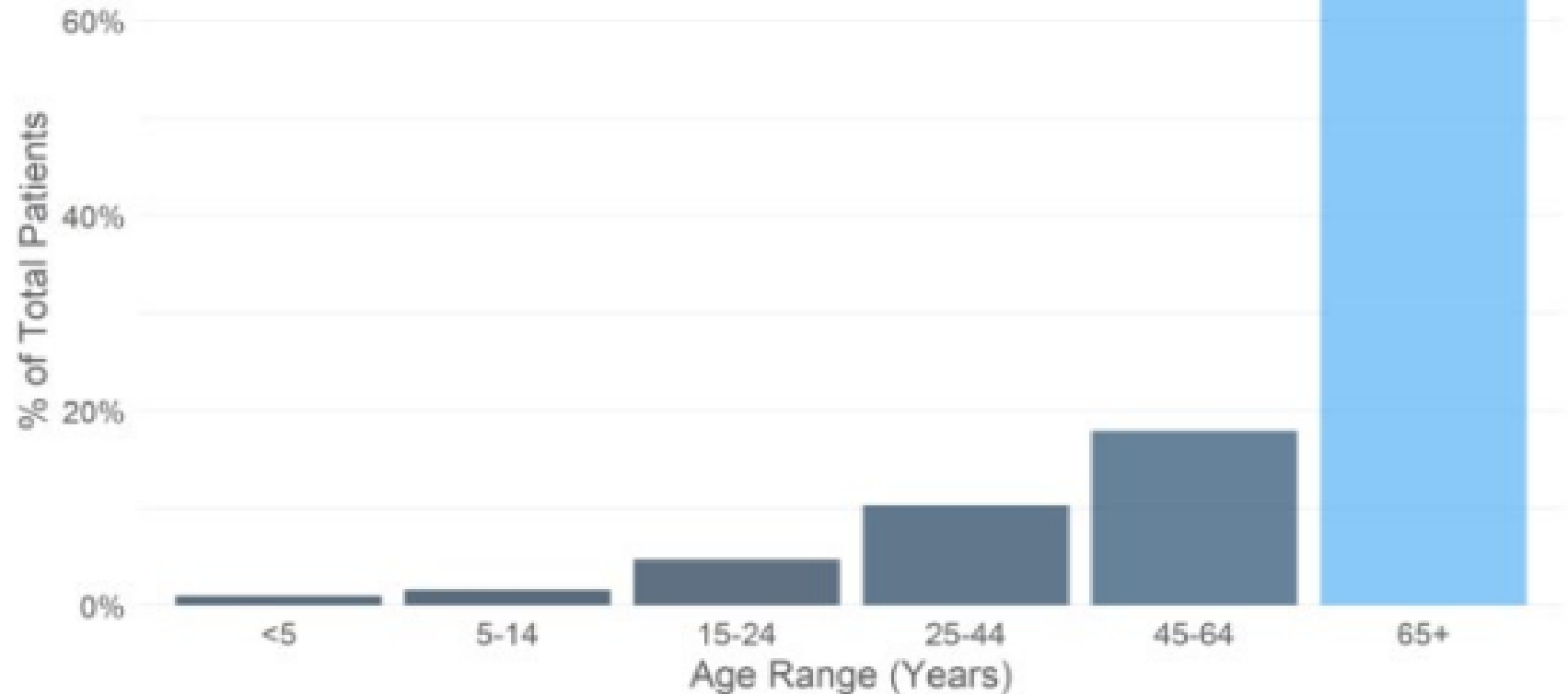
IPEAC Works To:

- Help ensure Iowa's EDs are ready to provide initial stabilization, treatment, and any needed transfers to definitive care for ill and injured children.**
- Collaborate with and recognize hospitals of all sizes for their work preparing to care for pediatric patients.**

Relatively Few Pediatric Patients

Trauma Admissions by Age Range

Source: Iowa Inpatient Database | 2021



The data shows:

- 90% of children needing emergency care in the U.S. are treated at local community emergency departments first.
- EDs recognized as peds-ready scored 22 points higher in National Pediatric Readiness Project assessments.
- Higher peds-ready scores are associated with better patient outcomes.



EMSC Hospital Recognition Subcommittee

- Molly Beckley: MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center
- William Bevins: Virginia Gay Hospital
- Dr. Carlyn Christensen-Szalanski: University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
- Katie Harris: MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center
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- Katherine Morse: CHI Health Mercy Council Bluffs
- Vicki Petersen: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services
- Stephanie Powers: Franklin General Hospital
- Kristel Wetjen: University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital
- Jill Wheeler: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services
- Former subcommittee member Sara Bechen, MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center



Inclusive Process

- Standards for recognition are achievable for hospitals of all sizes
- No cost to apply
- Opportunity to explain and work on any missing elements
- Supportive, confidential environment with assistance and resources provided as needed
- Opportunity to improve NPRP scores/show quality improvement
- Show your community you are committed to caring for children

Program Elements



- Application:
 - Equipment and Training Checklist
 - Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator(s)
 - Participation in the National Pediatric Readiness Assessment
- Site Evaluation
- Feedback
- Recognition

Recognized for Pediatric Readiness
by the Iowa Pediatric Emergency Assessment &
Care Recognition Program



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Pilot Hospital: MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center



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Program

Next Steps

- Program launch anticipated in January 2023 to all hospitals
- Applications will be processed in the order they are received and complete
- Pace dependent on number of applications and time constraints of evaluators
- Renewal every three years

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