

West Michigan Regional MCC

System Protocol Pediatric Policy

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Pediatric Policy

Purpose: To define the “pediatric patient” as applied throughout the Protocols.

Adopting MCAs will have an “X” under their MCA name. If no “X” is present, the MCA has not approved or adopted the protocol.

Allegan	Barry	Clare	Ionia	Isabella	Kent	Mason
Montcalm	Muskegon	N. Central	Newaygo	Oceana	Ottawa	

Definitions:

- 1.) **Destination Decisions:**
 - The Trauma Destination Protocol (2.1) is to be used to determine the appropriate facility designation level for all trauma patients.
 - The Destination and Diversion Policy (8.3) is to be used to determine the appropriate facility for all patients.
 - In general, a pediatric patient is any individual less than 15 years old (14 or less). However, individual health system guidance may change local destinations and will be included in the Destination and Diversion Policy (8.3).
- 2.) **Drug administration:**
 - Use weight/length-based tool (Broselow tape required) to identify the correct color.
 - Use MI-MEDIC cards (required) to identify the appropriate drug dosages.
- 3.) **Legal decisions:**
 - A pediatric patient is considered to be any individual under the age of 18 who is not emancipated.

Mi-MEDIC and Broselow Tape:

- 1.) The MI-MEDIC or Broselow Tape color must be ~~called in~~ relayed to the emergency department during radio reports concerning ~~critical~~ pediatric patients. This includes children from birth to 14 years that are 5 feet tall, or less.

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