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Pediatric Care in the Emergency Department

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age-appropriate medical equipment readily available. The emergency physician must also have access via consultation, admission, or transfer, to appropriate specialty and subspecialty physicians, to who will provide any needed patient care after emergency department treatment. Although physically separate care areas for children are ideal, they are not mandatory to provide high-quality care.

SOURCE

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