

Pediatric Quality & Safety

January 2026

Beacon Congratulations

12E & 12F Receive Beacon Award for Excellence

What is Beacon?

The Beacon Award provides unit based recognition to nurses for their unwavering commitment to enhancing nursing practice and providing exceptional patient care.

This award compares us to other similar units nationwide specific to:

- Patient outcomes: HACs, falls, barcode administration, collaborative care
- Work Environment: staffing, turnover, travel nurses, nurses well being
- Nursing Workforce: nursing experience, certifications, membership, conference attendance

PICU received their second Beacon Award (silver) and 12E received their first gold Beacon Award!

★It's a big deal!! Congratulations to all!!★



Practice Changes/Reminders

ID Bands Must Be ON Your Patient!

- We have recently seen an increase in events related to patients not having an ID band on
- This includes concerns with tests, procedures, even the wrong patient being admitted to a unit



- Please make sure your patient has an ID on and remember to check your patients ID prior to assuming care to confirm you have the correct patient
- For ideas on how to improve this process or barriers, please reach out to the Pediatric Quality & Safety team!



Head Circumference Change

New: Head circumference is now required in all patients < 3 years old

Policy reference: [PED S-01 Pediatric Admission and Standards of Care](#)



Blue Chuck for Foleys

- All Foley's need a blue chucks pad under the foley bag
- Why? To avoid the bag from touching a dirty floor. The bed should be in the lowest position to prevent falls which puts that bag VERY close to a dirty floor. The blue chucks provides a clean surface should the bag come in contact with the floor.



Urine Samples

- The method of urine collection is important to reduce contamination!
- UA - can collect by bag, cotton balls, clean catch, or catheterization
- Urine culture - can only collect by clean catch or catheterization



Tenecteplase (TNK) for Pediatric Strokes

- We have officially transitioned over to Tenecteplase (TNK) for pediatric strokes when a thrombolytic is indicated
- Refer to [CM-P 89/PROC CM P-89](#) for administration 📄
- Don't forget about our [Pediatric Stroke Clinical Pathway](#) 🧠



Pre-RRT Huddle

- We are LIVE with our Pre-RRT huddles 🗣️
- Goal: promote consistent communication and structure an RRT Huddle will occur outside the patient's room prior to team entry. This huddle ensures all responding team members have arrived before the RRT begins and allow for crowd control prior to



New Clinical Pathway! [Pediatric Button Battery Ingestion](#)

entering the patient's room.

- Please remember to complete the Pre-RRT huddle checklist ✓
- Reach out to Jenn Murphy with any question 😊



Social Work Consults

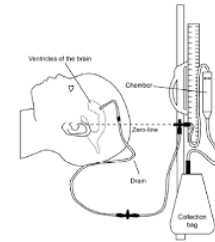
If a biological parent is not present with a pediatric patient upon presentation to Upstate, Social Work must be contacted to confirm who can consent and to determine an appropriate decision maker for the patient.

- Example - kiddo presents with grandparent, aunt/uncle, family friend, etc...call social work!



Safety Huddles for ≥20 yr old Admissions to UGCH

- All patients admitted to UGCH need to be under a pediatric service (surgical services who operate on both peds and adults is allowed)
- Policy reference [CM P-77 Pediatric Emergency Medical Responses](#)
- All patients ≥ 20 years old (exception: peds hem/onc) will have a proactive safety huddle to ensure clear communication of practice considerations and a resuscitation plan. Contact the Pediatric Quality & Safety Team to facilitate!



New Jobs Aids!

[EVD Setup](#)

[EVD Care and Maintenance](#)



Breast Milk Syringe Pumps

- Breast Milk Syringe Pumps are now available for



PRN Order Indications

- Please be sure you are following the parameters in PRN orders



NGT Placement Reconfirmation

- Recheck placement prior to using the NGT for

- patients requiring NG feeds with breast milk!
- Obtain pump from Equipment
- Use orange Medela ENFit syringe and tubing stocked on the unit

- For example - Tylenol ordered prn for temp > 38.5...you cannot give Tylenol when the temp is below this (ie. 38.2, 38.4). If the patient needs Tylenol in this example, a one time order is required.

- feeding or medication administration
- Primary method of reconfirmation is measurement. May use gastric pH but this is not required or often necessary.

New Toddler Beds!

- We have new toddler beds!
- They are amazing BUT have an important **weight limitation of 150lbs**
- Parents cannot be laying in toddler beds
- When we had them in the past, they all broke from consistently holding weight > 150 lbs. If we want to keep them please help to enforce this weight limit!



📢 **Certified Pediatric Nurses (CPN)** 📢
Read Below

Annual recertification is CLOSING 1/31/2026!!

- If you were originally certified through the PNCB **before 1/1/2025**, you'll need to recertify this cycle 11/1/25-1/31/26 (you can **ONLY** recertify during this period).
- Submit an application for recertification in self serve - click on 3 lines in upper left corner, under Nursing, click on Nursing Certification --> click on New Form --> Application For: Recertification --> Request For: Advance Payment --> type "code" for username and password
- The No Pass, No Pay code will be sent to you once your application is approved.
- **The No Pass, No Pay code cannot be used after 1/31/26** ★
- Recertify through pcnb.org at no charge when using code
- Reach out to Michelle Jeski with any questions



Policies, Patient Education & Forms - oh my!

Reviewed & Revised

- [PED S-01 Pediatric Admission and Standard of Care](#) - Head circumference required in patients < 3 years old, added policy table for quality metrics, weigh medically cleared patients weekly
- [PED P-02 Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell \(HPC\) Re-infusion \(Pediatrics\)](#) - ok to use blood administration filter
- [PED C-03 Pediatric indwelling Urinary Catheters Insertion and Maintenance Guidelines](#) - added recommended foley sizes, appendix for how to use Lidocaine 2% gel
- [PED F-07 Gastric Decompression System \(FARRELL Bag\)](#) - references updated
- [PED D-04 Delirium in the Pediatric ICU](#) - added stepdown patient to screen, changed exclusions and recommended times to screen, CAPD is positive if greater than or equal to 9, SPS outcomes added

Event Information

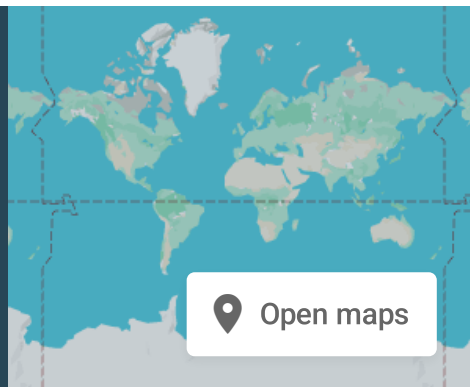
Proactive Safety Leadership Rounds

When?

Thursday, Feb 5, 2026, 02:00 PM

Where?

12E, 12F, 11E, 11G



★ Culture Corner ★

★ see Bridgett Langstaff for more about safety essentials ★

?Have a patient ≥ 20 yrs old in UGCH?

SAFETY HUDDLE TIME!

?Have a concern with a unique situation? High risk for HAC? A complex transfer from ICU?

SAFETY HUDDLE TIME!

Contact any member of the quality and safety department for guidance...see below!

Big Milestones for CAUTI and CLABSI!!

Awesome work UGCH!! 🏆

- 11G > 300 days since last CLABSI
 - Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital > 500 days since last CAUTI
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Quick Links

[Submit a Good Catch or Safety Improvement Idea Here!](#)

[UGCH Superhero of the Month Nomination Form](#)

[Pediatric Clinical Pathways](#)



Michelle Jeski

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