

Pediatric Quality & Safety

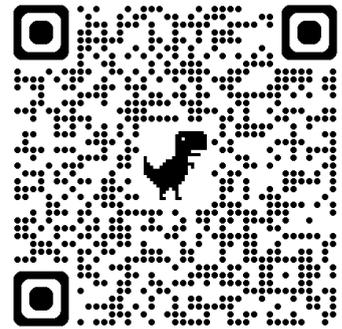
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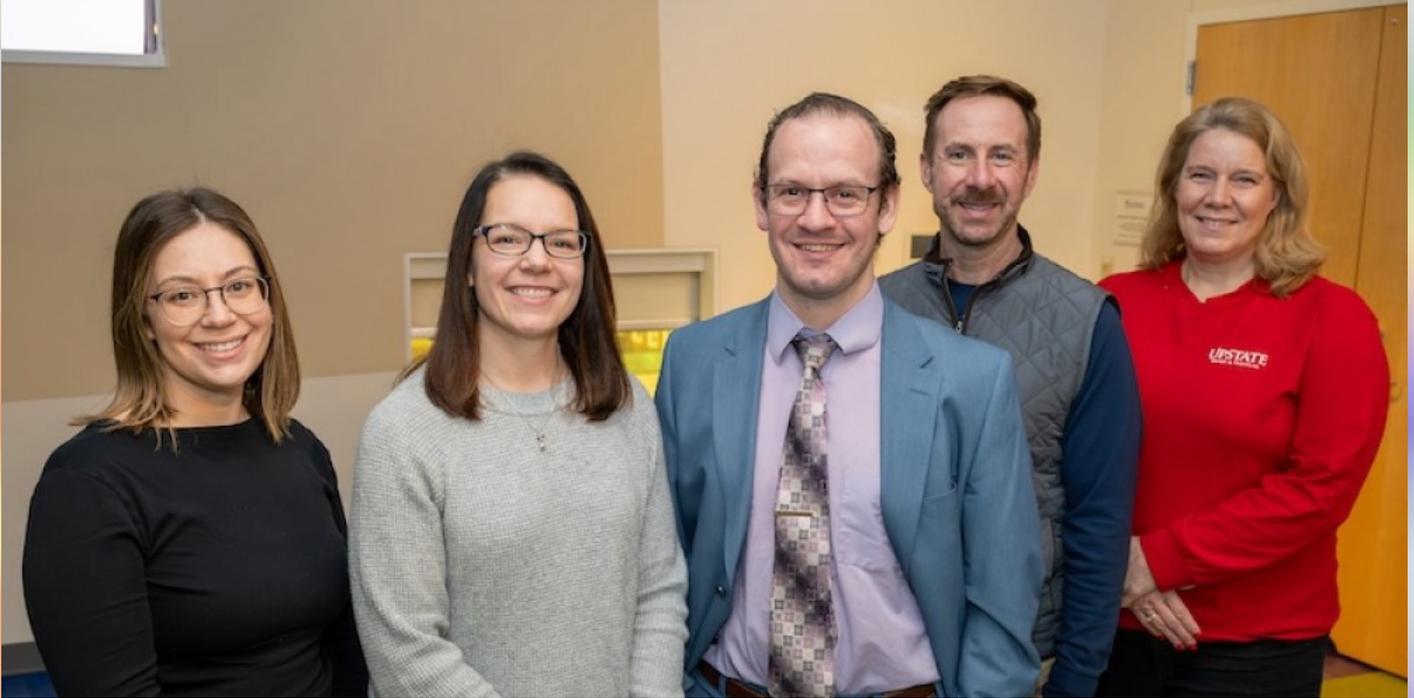
Pediatric Stroke Pathway Highlighted by Magnet

The Pediatric Stroke Clinical Pathway was highlighted during our recent Magnet site visit!

The pathway turns 2 years old this month and has been activated 41 times with 8 positive identifications for stroke. Check out the link below for the Upstate News Article or scan the QR code to view the pathway!

[Link to Upstate News Article](#)





Practice Changes/Reminders



Pediatric Quality & Safety Changes

- Ted will be transitioning from our Pediatric Clinical Resource Nurse to Bed Management beginning 2/26.
- Please reach out to Michelle Jeski with any off shift needs or concerns.
- If you see Ted be sure to wish him luck in his new adventure!



PPD Testing Change

- Per Infection Control, bedside nurses are no longer allowed to place PPDs.
- A QuantiFERON gold should be ordered in place of a PPD.
- If a PPD is required for an outside facility placement, contact the primary team to determine placement options.



Mixed Urine/Stool Output

- We've noticed a gap in nursing documentation and what the providers can view. Mixed output (urine/stool) shows as **urine** for providers.
- **This is misleading and can lead to rapid dehydration and complications.**
- If your patient is having more U/S output compared to urine only, be sure to bring this to the providers attention for assessment.



tPA Dwelling and Removal Added

- The option to document tPA dwelling and removal has been added for all central line lumens in your Epic documentation (please reach out if we missed any!)

Insulin Pen Updates

- 4mm insulin pen safety needles are now stocked on 12E and 12F
- We will be transitioning to using insulin pens for all pediatric patients starting in March (be sure to complete your education if you haven't already!)

New Clinical Pathway!

[Nuss Procedure](#)

- Include Pre op, Intra op, and Post op care



Breast Milk Syringe Pumps

- Breast Milk Syringe Pumps may be ordered through Equipment.
- The orange Medela syringes will be removed from units due to supply chain challenges.
- Use the Avanos white/purple ENFit syringes moving forward.
- The orange extension tubing will stay the same!

PCA/Epidural Double Checks

- We've seen a small increase recently in events related to incorrect PCA and Epidural pump settings.
- **During handoff the pump settings must be checked to the Epic order.**
- This includes the continuous rate (if any), demand dose, and demand dose lockout.

Pediatric SCDs

- Pediatric sized SCDs are now available on 11E/3N and as a call down item for Distribution.
- Fits calf circumference less than 14 in.
- Works with our standard SCD machine.

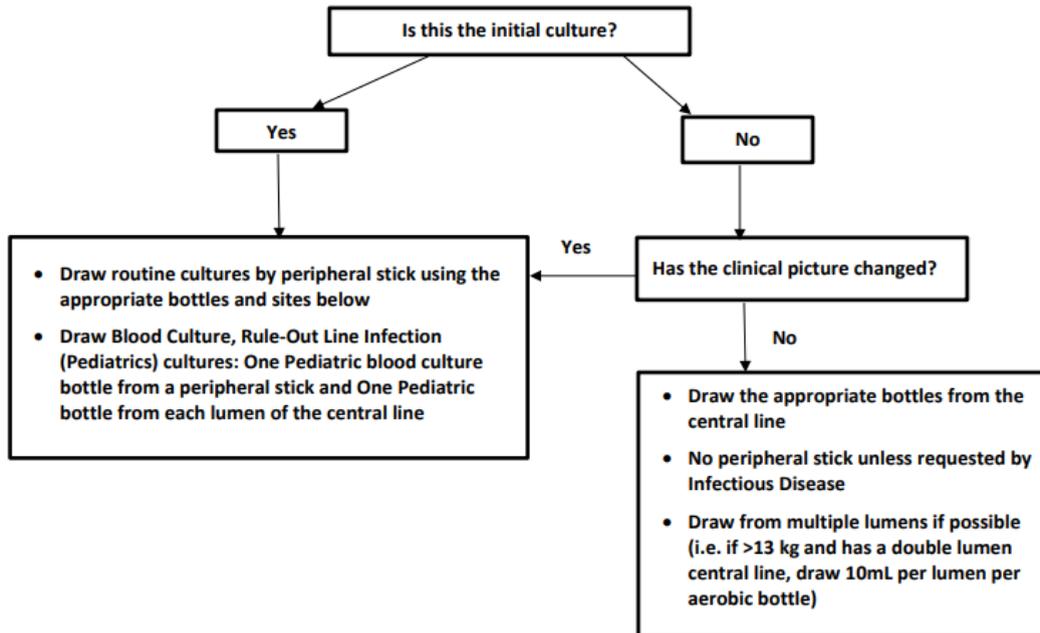
Blood Culture Reminders

Rule Out Line Infection (Pediatrics) Order

- Patients who have a central line and are ordered for "Blood Culture, Rule-Out Line Infection" need the following sent: 1 pink top ped blood culture bottle from each lumen and 1 pink top ped blood culture bottle from a peripheral site.
- The peripheral and line samples should be collected within 15 minutes of each other.

- This culture should be in addition to Routine Blood Cultures due to the small sample volume collected.
- This culture is based on time to positivity to determine if the primary source of infection is the central line.
- Link to policy: [PROC CM B-27A Pediatric Blood Specimen Collection](#)

Addendum B
Blood Cultures WITH a Central Line
 (Does NOT apply to patients under the Pediatric Hem/Onc service. Refer to PED F-02)



Weight	Blood volume	# Bottles or tubes	# Sites
2-13 kg (4-29 lb)	1-3 mL	1 Pediatric bottle	1
>13-36 kg (30-80 lb)	20 mL ¹ (10 mL per bottle)	2 Aerobic bottles	2 (recommended ¹)
>36 kg (>80 lb)	40 mL ² (10 mL per bottle)	2 Aerobic bottles 2 Anaerobic bottles	2 (required ²)
Mycobacteria (AFB)	5 mL	1 Myco/F Lytic bottle	1
Fungi	5 mL	1 Myco/F Lytic bottle	1

¹ For children >13-36kg, each bottle should be collected from a separate venipuncture site.

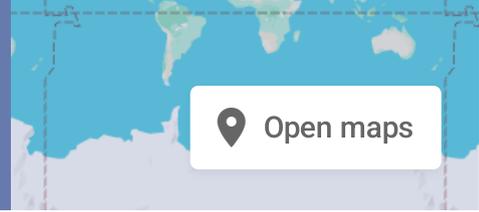
² Each bottle set (1 aerobic, 1 anaerobic) **must** be collected from a separate venipuncture site.

Policies, Patient Education & Forms – oh my!

Reviewed & Revised

- [CM E-23 Pediatric Low Dose Epinephrine Bolus "Epi Spritzer"](#) - References updated, statement regarding when to use code dose epi revised and moved to beginning of policy. Peds Anesthesia added as a contributing department.
- [PED I-05 Insulin Pen Therapy for Pediatric Patients](#) - Insulin pens can be administered by RNs; insulin pens will be used for patients with either new or known diabetes.
- [PED E-03 Pediatric Early Mobilization and Mobility Level Assignment](#) - reviewed, no changes





🌟Culture Corner🌟

🌟see **Bridgett Langstaff** for more safety essentials 🌟

Safety Hero Highlight

Please join us in celebrating **Nicole N, RN on 11E** as our next Safety Spud Recipient! Nicole's attention to detail and use of the QVV Error Prevention tool while validating a medication dose helped prevent a potential problem. Thank you for elevating your concerns and helping to keep our patients at UGCH safe!

#safetyfirst

January 2026

Congratulations,
Nicole!





Be a Safety Hero



HOW?

Tell me your spud-tacular catches, what's making you salty, and how you've peeled away safety issues using your ERROR PREVENTION TOOLS!

WHAT TOOLS?

The Name Game: introduce yourself and request others do the same

ARCC: **A**sk a question, **R**equest a change, voice your **C**ONCERN, use **C**hain of Command

STAR: **S**top **T**hink **A**ct **R**eview (use a safety pause)

QVV: **Q**ualify the source, **V**alidate content, **V**erify with an expert

Stop and Resolve: if uncertain → review the plan and resolve the concern *BEFORE* proceeding

3-Way Communication: use repeat back to confirm information being sent and received

👉 ASK clarifying questions

SBAR: use the tool for safe handoff and communicating concerns

👉 **S**ituation, **B**ackground, **A**ssessment, **R**ecommendation

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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