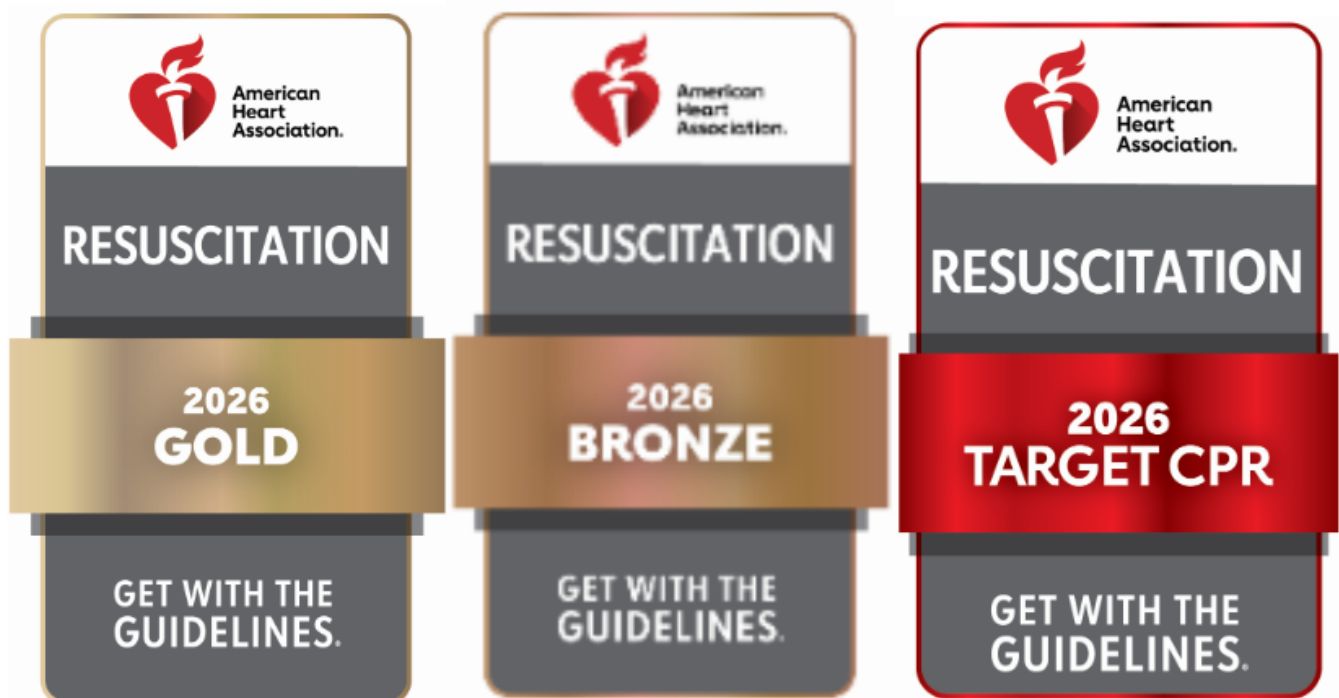


PEDIATRIC QUALITY & SAFETY

August 2026

2026 American Heart Association Get With The Guidelines Awards



Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital has been awarded the following:

- Get With The Guidelines® Resuscitation Gold for Pediatrics
- Get With The Guidelines® Resuscitation Bronze for Neonate/Infant
- Get With The Guidelines® Resuscitation Target CPR

The resuscitation awards are based on meeting $\geq 85\%$ compliance in the following four core measures:

- Confirmation of airway device placement in the trachea
- Time to first chest compression ≤ 1 minute
- Time to IV/IO Epinephrine ≤ 5 minutes for asystole or PEA
- Percent of pulseless cardiac arrest events occurring in an ICU setting

The target CPR award is based on meeting $\geq 50\%$ of total events have CPR quality data (CPR feedback device, ETCO2) entered.

🎉 Congratulations to our frontline teams for continuing to provide high-quality resuscitative care to our patients. These awards are a testament to the hard work and dedication to the care you all provide every day!!

Please join us in celebrating this incredible accomplishment on August 5th at 1300 in the Kinney Performance Center (there will be snacks!!) - see below for more information!

CELEBRATING ★ *excellence* IN PATIENT CARE

Upstate is proud to announce that our programs have received **award-winning** recognition from the American Heart Association!

RECOGNIZED PROGRAMS:

- Stroke Program
- Heart Failure Program
- Adult Resuscitation Program
- Pediatric Resuscitation Program

Representatives from the American Heart Association will be present to deliver the awards.



WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 5TH



1:00 PM –
2:00 PM



COFFEE BAR
& SWEET AND
SALTY TREATS!

 **KINNEY PERFORMANCE CENTER**

Please join us to celebrate!

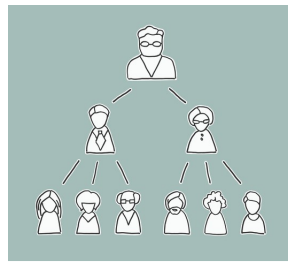
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Practice Changes/Reminders



Ketogenic Diet Changes

- Ketogenic diets will no longer be initiated at UGCH. Patients requiring this intervention will need to be transferred to an outside institution.
- Patients who are admitted on a previously established ketogenic diet will continued to be cared for in the Children's Hospital.
- Policy reference: [PED K-01 Ketogenic Diet](#)



Chain of Command

- If you are not getting what you need for your patients, please use the chain of command and escalate as appropriate, including calling the attending! Our attendings want to be notified if you have concerns about a patient and are not comfortable, or not getting a response from the resident(s).
- Examples (not limited to): Delayed response, inappropriate response (ie. uncontrolled pain or failure to assess patient), or the delivery of care poses an immediate risk to the patient.
- Policy reference: [CM C-48 Chain of Command](#)

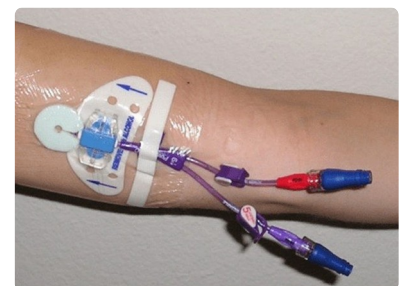
Epic

Pediatric Post Op Discharge Instructions

- New Dot Phrases have been added to the Patient Instructions section of the AVS for pediatric surgical patients
- All are available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Dari, Nepali, Somali and Swahili; all will default to English. To insert another language add "=language" at the end. Exampel: `.castcarepeds = Spanish`
- **.castcarepeds** Cast Care Instructions for Pediatrics
- **.coolsoftdietentpeds** Soft Food Diet for T&As
- **.testicular torsionpeds** Testicular Torsion Discharge Instructions
- **.q3hourpain** Tylenol and Motrin Pain Schedule

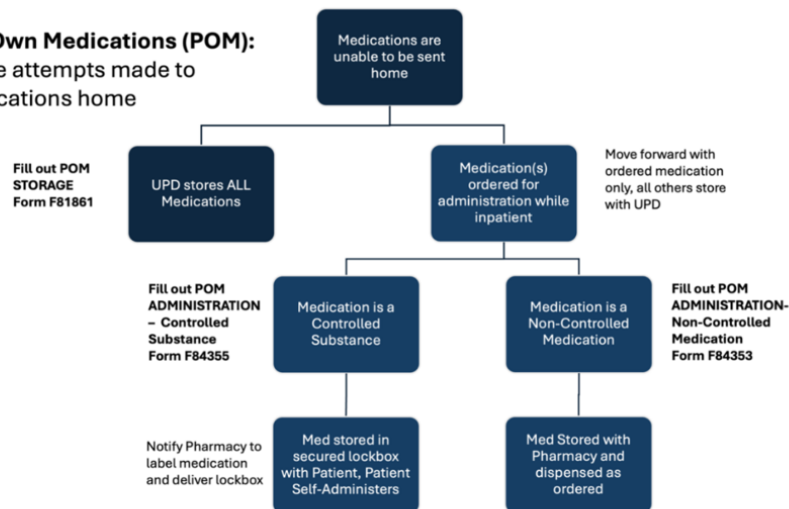
★PICC Lines for Kiddos < 2 years Old★

- The Vascular Access Team (VAT)/ PICC Team is started to place PICC lines in younger kiddos (any age!!) under moderate sedation (see amion for scheduling)
- Two VAT nurses have been designated for peds! They can place PICC lines, ultrasound guided IVs, assist with difficult vascular access and line placement.
- **VAT nurses: Jennifer (Jen) Benedict & Jacqueline (Jackie) Drzazgowski** 📞
- Available via Vocera or Epic Chat! We are working on getting their schedules into Amion. In the interim, Michelle Jeski will send a monthly schedule with coverage
- Reminder - this is a new process!! Please be patient and provide any feedback to Michelle Jeski.
- We will hold a Proactive Safety Huddle and enter a Proactive Safety Plan for any patient who needs a 2.6Fr PICC line. These lines are new and have limitations (require continuous heparin



- Non-controlled substance with active order to administer ➡ bring to Pharmacy

Patient's Own Medications (POM): All possible attempts made to send medications home



Patient's Own Medications – Guidance on Three Forms

- This Form is for Non-Controlled Meds, with an order, that need to be dispensed from pharmacy

UPSTATE
PATIENT'S OWN MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION - NON-CONTROLLED MEDICATION

Pharmacy: _____ Patient Name: _____ MRN: _____
Account #: _____ DOB: _____ Date: _____

Nursing Unit: _____ Nurse: _____

Are there additional medications stored with UPD? ☐ YES ☐ NO

DIRECTIONS: - After an inpatient order is placed by a provider:
1. List each drug/strength below, if they are to be administered while inpatient.
2. Patient/Representative to sign disclaimer. Place the medication(s) and YELLOW copy of this form facing outward in the "Security Bag - Patient's Medication" before the admission and on the bag and have the patient/representative sign and date on the bag.
3. Continue documenting on White/Peek Copy. Separate fields are for documentation when medication order completes.

Drug Name	Drug Strength	Notes

Medications to be stored in Pharmacy Administration documented via Epic
Patient/Representative Administration Disclaimer: By filling out this form, I agree that I will utilize this medication according to the order placed in my electronic medical record by my provider.

Signatures of Acknowledgment (Receiving and return of medication)

Name (printed)	Signature	Date/Time
Acknowledgment of initial medication delivered to Pharmacy		
Patient/Representative (or Nurse)	PATIENT SIGNS	
Nurse (in Pharmacy)	NURSE SIGNS	
Pharmacy (from Nurse)	PHARMACY SIGNS	
Acknowledgment of medication		

Bring these meds to Pharmacy

- This Form is for medications that needs to be stored and not administered ← Most Common!

Nursing to Call UPD for these meds that will be stored and not administered

UPSTATE
PATIENT'S OWN MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Pharmacy: _____ Patient Name: _____ MRN: _____
Account #: _____ DOB: _____ Date: _____

Nursing Unit: _____ Nurse: _____

Are there additional medications stored with UPD? ☐ YES ☐ NO

DIRECTIONS: - After an inpatient order is placed by a provider:
1. List each drug/strength below, if they are to be administered while inpatient.
2. Patient/Representative to sign disclaimer. Place the medication(s) and YELLOW copy of this form facing outward in the "Security Bag - Patient's Medication" before the admission and on the bag and have the patient/representative sign and date on the bag.
3. Continue documenting on White/Peek Copy. Separate fields are for documentation when medication order is completed.

Drug Name	Drug Strength	Initial Quantity	Final Quantity (if not upon order completion)

Medications to be stored with patient in secured lockbox
Administration documented via Epic
Patient/Representative Administration Disclaimer: By filling out this form, I agree that I will utilize this medication according to the order placed in my electronic medical record by my provider.

- This form is for Controlled Substances, with an order, that the patient will self-administer ← Rare!!

Nursing to Call Pharmacy for Lockbox – these meds stay with Patient

Policies, Patient Education & Forms – oh my!

Reviewed & Revised

- [PED S-19 Pediatric SWAT Emergency Response Backup Guidelines](#): Removed RRT & Code White responsibilities, communication with bed control, documentation; added reference to CM P-77 Pediatric Emergency Medical Response.
- [PED D-04 Delirium in the PICU](#): Complete neuromuscular blockade excluded, notify PICU provider if CAPD positive, added DELIRIUM and physician process for documentation.
- [PED K-01 Ketogenic Diet](#): Removed process for initiation of ketogenic diets at UGCH, updated medication list
- [PED S-09 PICU Admission and Care Standards](#): Head circumference changed to under 3 years old



Safety Spud Spotlight



July 2026

Congratulations,
Dr. Ahmed!



This month we're recognizing Dr. Ahmed for his proactive approach to patient safety! By alerting the inpatient nursing team about a complex patient being admitted the following day, it allowed the CSV team to facilitate a multi-disciplinary proactive safety huddle prior to admission. The huddle included 3N and 11E nursing, pediatric surgery and anesthesia, the BERT team, pharmacy, child life, and pediatric quality and safety. This allowed a robust, flexible plan to be created and supported the patient throughout all phases of care in the Children's Hospital.

Thank you for being a valuable member of the UGCH Team, Dr. Ahmed!

Submit a Good Catch or Safety Improvement Idea Here!

Quick Links

UGCH Superhero of the Month Nomination Form

Pediatric Clinical Pathways



Michelle Jeski

Michelle is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

