



## **FAMILIES SHOULD KNOW THE CLOSEST PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY ROOM FOR THE BEST CARE FOR YOUR BABIES AND CHILDREN**

R Baby Foundation and Mt. Sinai Hospital have partnered to raise awareness of emergency services for infants. Parents: the following guidelines can help you when seeking emergency care for your children.

In an emergency dial 911 or go to the closest hospital.

But during times when you can choose, always know where the closest Pediatric Emergency Department is located — this is the safest and best place for your child if you have the time to make a choice. Pediatrics is a medical specialty just like any other field of medicine (e.g. you go to an Ophthalmologist for your eyes, a Cardiologist for your heart), and Pediatric Emergency Medicine is a boarded subspecialty with the field of Pediatrics. Doesn't your child deserve the same level of specialized care that you would seek from any other specialist? Be an advocate for your child and research your closest Pediatric Emergency Department!

**TAKING YOUR CHILD TO A PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.**

Did you know...

- Pediatric Emergency Departments are staffed by board certified Pediatric Emergency Departments physicians?
- Pediatric Emergency Department physicians have had THREE additional years of training in pediatric emergencies?
- The American Academy of Pediatrics provides Pediatric Emergency Departments guidelines to raise the standard of care?
- Pediatric Emergency Departments are equipped to diagnose and treat babies and children of all ages?
- Pediatric Emergency Departments have the right supplies, equipment and medicine dosages made specifically for babies and children?
- Hospitals with Pediatric Emergency Departments are more likely to have the subspecialists you may need (Pediatric Cardiologist, Pediatric plastic surgeon, Pediatric General surgeon, among many others) and the facilities you may need (Intensive Care Units and specialized equipment)?
- Pediatric Emergency Departments have dedicated pediatric nurses?
- Pediatric Emergency Departments are specially designed to be child friendly?
- Pediatric EDs have child life specialists who provide age-appropriate coping techniques for the sick and injured?

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