

UTAH EMS FOR CHILDREN NEEDS ASSESSMENT

PEDIATRIC EDUCATION NEEDS

The 2006 EMSC Needs Assessment was issued to 668 EMS Providers to determine how EMSC could meet the needs of EMS Providers.

The response rate for the assessment was 43%.



Top 5 Pediatric Training Needs

- Respiratory
- Trauma
- Newborn
- Children With Special Health Care Needs
- Vascular Access

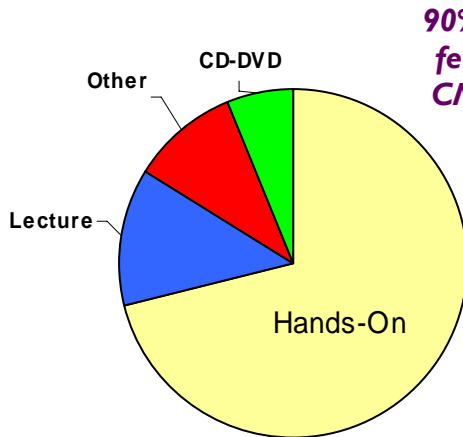


EMT-Bs and EMT-Is felt their original training did not prepare them to treat pediatric patients.

Topics EMT-Bs and EMT-Is would like to see in their initial education:

- Medical emergencies
- Trauma
- Assessment of a pediatric patient
- Medication for pediatric patients
- Packaging
- Children With Special Health Care Needs
- Adults vs. Pediatrics

Education: Preferred Learning Environment



90% of respondents felt that pediatric CME is accessible.

The majority of respondents prefer Hands-On Education

Barriers that make it difficult to obtain pediatric CME:

- Lack of quality training
- Lack of quality teachers
- Difficult to take time off work
- Cannot be away from family
- Distance to travel to class
- Lack of agency support for CME

UTAH EMSC'S PLAN TO ADDRESS EDUCATION FINDINGS

- ✓ Develop EMSC educational modules for each of the top pediatric training needs.
- ✓ Develop partnerships with EMS Training Programs to incorporate additional pediatric training into initial provider training.
- ✓ Partner with Primary Children's Medical Center to provide Simulation Lab opportunities and Computer Based Training modules to EMS Providers.
- ✓ Increase training for EMSC Coordinators so they can provide hands-on skill practice to EMS Providers in their area.