CALL FOR PAPERS
Aligning the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Research Agenda to Reduce Health Outcome Gaps

The 2018 Academic Emergency Medicine (AEM) consensus conference, “Aligning the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Research Agenda to Reduce Health Outcome Gaps” will be held on May 15, 2018 at the JW Marriott Indianapolis, IN, immediately preceding SAEM18. Original research papers on this topic, if accepted, will be published together with the conference proceedings in the December 2018 issue of AEM.

Overview
There is substantial variability in the emergency care provided to acutely ill and injured children in both the pre-hospital and hospital settings. In addition, there are, substantial differences in available pediatric resources in different settings and sites. The overarching goal of the 2018 Consensus Conference is to develop the pediatric emergency medicine (PEM) research agenda for the next decade in order to reduce health outcome gaps in the treatment of acutely ill and injured children.

Expected outcomes of the Consensus Conference fall into three overarching categories:

- To align PEM leaders across organizations and foster new leadership
- To set a research agenda for PEM across all access points of the emergency care system, and help develop PEM expertise across all providers who care for acutely ill and injured children
- To integrate PEM research networks goals and objectives

Accepted Manuscripts

- Prospective interventional studies
- Patient-centered exploratory studies using qualitative or mixed methods
- Systematic reviews with or without meta-analyses
- Outcomes from existing large datasets
- Multicenter retrospective, hypothesis-generating chart reviews

Deadline
Papers submitted between March 1-April 17, 2018 will be considered for publication in the December 2018 consensus conference issue of Academic Emergency Medicine. Publication cannot be guaranteed.

Submit
To submit a paper, select the “Consensus Conference” category at the AEM submission site: https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/aemj. All submissions will undergo peer review. If accepted, the paper will be published together with the conference proceedings in the December 2018 issue of Academic Emergency Medicine.

Questions?
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