

Getting to Know Your Child's Community Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

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Your local EMS is also part of your child's care team. Set up a time to meet with your EMS. At this visit, you should tell them where you live and the special needs of your child. Meeting the EMS early will help during those hard times.

Discussing Your Child's Care

The EMS needs to know about your child's equipment. You should explain how it works and any tips. This would also be a good time to see how the equipment fits inside the ambulance. Your EMS may not have seen it before. The EMS may want a list of medicines your child takes and your child's health care plan.

When to Call

If you have any concerns about your child's health, you should call the pulmonary team. They may want you to call your local EMS and have them bring your child to the emergency room (ER). The pulmonary team will be talking with the local ER to check on your child. If they think that your child needs to come to the American Family Children's Hospital (AFCH), they will call the Children's Hospital Emergency Transport Ambulance (CHETA).

CHETA

CHETA is our critical care ambulance staffed with a respiratory therapist and a nurse. Their focus is taking care of children during transport. CHETA has direct contact with a critical care doctor and a pulmonary doctor during transport. This helps make sure your child gets the care they need.

Support Options

You may or may not choose treatments based on your beliefs and your child's quality of life. Please talk about your wishes with EMS, the local ER and CHETA.

AFCH

Once you get to AFCH, the pulmonary or critical care team will provide special care to your child. The pulmonary team will keep caring for your child during their stay.

Your health care team may have given you this information as part of your care. If so, please use it and call if you have any questions. If this information was not given to you as part of your care, please check with your doctor. This is not medical advice. This is not to be used for diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Because each person's health needs are different, you should talk with your doctor or others on your health care team when using this information. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Copyright © 2/2025 University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. All rights reserved. Produced by the Department of Nursing. HF#7360