



OSF CHILDREN'S SERVICE LINE / CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ILLINOIS

Connectivity within the Children's Service Line can best be seen in the adoption of common pediatric protocols. An excellent example of this is found in the creation of pediatric asthma management in both the inpatient and ambulatory settings. It is a tale of two cities as a key connection has been made between Peoria's Children's Hospital (focusing on inpatients) and OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington (focusing on children in the ambulatory setting).

In Peoria, Dr. Mary Schultz developed an electronic version of the Asthma Home Action Plan, a critical component of the systemwide inpatient asthma treatment guidelines. It is now available in Epic, the integrated software program used throughout the OSF Healthcare System. The plan is kept in the patient chart and thus available for immediate access and updating as needed.

Under the leadership of Dr. Lamont Tyler with the OSF Medical Group in Bloomington, new guidelines for the evaluation and treatment of pediatric asthma exacerbations in the ambulatory setting have been implemented. The guidelines focus on responsibilities for physicians and nurses in triaging, evaluating, treating, documenting and ensuring follow-up. Education for patients and their families is a key component within the guidelines.

When those involved in ambulatory care connect with those serving hospitalized children, the benefits are significant. Children with asthma are learning this each day in two cities within OSF HealthCare.

Other highlights:

Children's Hospital of Illinois

The 26th annual Children's Miracle Network raised \$2,217,000.

Children's Hospital of Illinois was redesignated a Pediatric Critical Care site by the state of Illinois.

Children's Hospital successfully recruited 15 pediatric specialists, two in specialties not previously filled: Pediatric Nephrology and Pediatric Pulmonology.

Electronic Medical Records began in outpatient areas with the first activation at the St. Jude Midwest Affiliate.

Children's Service Line

Family representation in place for local Pediatric Councils at each OSF HealthCare hospital.

In conjunction with the OSF Medical Group, created Pediatric Ambulatory Nurse Skills curriculum.

Regional education events for physicians, advance practical nurses and registered nurses held with more than 650 attending.

Child passenger safety training sessions for all health care professionals conducted throughout the OSF Healthcare System.

In coordination with the OSF Medical Group, created and launched a Pediatric Ambulatory Nurse Skills Curriculum.