



DT: 8/9/2016
TO: ALL EMS Providers
RE: OPR Pediatric Emergency Department Opening Today

Overland Park Regional has announced the opening of a pediatric emergency department. It is important to note that the determination of hospital destination in protocol has not changed. If you would have taken a pediatric patient to OPR last week, you would still take that patient to OPR. The criteria for taking a pediatric patient to OPR are also the same as taking a pediatric patient to Children's-Kansas because Children's-Kansas is not a specialty center in the Johnson County EMS System protocols. The destination for unstable pediatric medical emergencies will continue to be directed by medical control.

OPR is not a pediatric trauma center, so the pediatric trauma routing has not changed either.

The entrance for the pediatric emergency department at OPR is the old ambulance entrance and uses the same security keypad code as the main OPR ED. This will lead to a twelve bed pediatric ED. There is a biocom for both the adult and pediatric emergency departments. Please indicate early in the radio report that you are transporting a pediatric patient. They will direct you to the appropriate entrance based on your report.

As always, please feel free to email or call with any questions/concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan C. Jacobsen".

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