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

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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 this 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: 1) To align PEM leaders across organizations and foster new leadership, 2) 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, and 3) To integrate PEM research networks goals and objectives.