Emergency Medical Services for Children Day
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Emergency medical services (EMS) are an indispensable part of the pediatric health care continuum. The Academy is a strategic partner with Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) on the EMS Week campaign, May 21-27, and EMS for Children Day, May 24. The campaign kicks off a year-round focus on supporting the theme "EMS Strong" to enhance recognition of the profession and collaboration among health care professions.

EMS for Children Day highlights the distinctive aspects of caring for children and the need to improve and expand specialized care for children in prehospital and acute care settings. Support EMSC Day by reaching out to community partners to give away free bicycle helmets to children or participate in events with schools that give students a chance to interact with EMS professionals.

Pediatricians can access webinars from the EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center at http://bit.ly/2n4yqWV to learn how the Pediatric Readiness Project quality improvement initiative is ensuring that all emergency departments are prepared to deliver appropriate care to children, http://bit.ly/2oTWuTi.

The Academy also offers resources to support pediatric emergency medical care:

- Chapter Contacts for Disaster Preparedness, http://bit.ly/1Q3Xb7B; and