

Queensland Paediatric Emergency Care

Skill Sheets

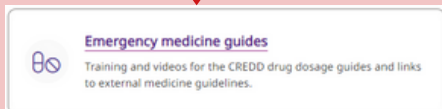
Medication Resources for Paediatric Emergency

This is a reference guide to some helpful paediatric medication resources that are useful in the emergency department. It is important to check what resources have been approved for use within your workplace.

Clinicians working in Townsville, Cairns and Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services should follow their local paediatric empirical antimicrobial therapy guidelines. Clinicians elsewhere in Queensland should follow the Children's Health Queensland's (CHQ's) paediatric antimicrobial prescribing guidelines until the results of microbiological investigations are available. You can visit the [CHQ Antimicrobial stewardship website](#). Antimicrobial guides are the preferred resource for the dosing of antibiotics.



Use The Children's Resuscitation Emergency Drug Dosage (CREDD) book for paediatric resuscitation and emergency drug guidance. This is a weight-based guide with instructions relating to dose, preparation, administration and compatibility of resuscitation drugs. There is also an online version available via that [QPEC Queensland Paediatric Resuscitation Tools page](#).



Where to locate medication resources:

1. Click on the QPEC icon on your desktop
2. Click on the [Emergency medication guides](#) tab
3. Navigate to your required medication guide



Use the Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH) Children's Dosing Companion to check all your oral, enteral, rectal and intravenous paediatric medication doses. Queensland Health facilities have access to this resource through CKN.



Use The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne Paediatric Injectable Guideline for guidance on paediatric intravenous, intramuscular and subcutaneous medication preparation, administration and compatibility. Queensland Health facilities have access to this resource through CKN.



For further information:

[QPEC Emergency Medicine Guides](#)

[Children's Intensive Care Drug Directory \(CIDD\)](#)

[CIDD VIDEO](#)

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- Providing care within the context of locally available resources, expertise, and scope of practice.
- Supporting consumer rights and informed decision making in partnership with healthcare practitioners including the right to decline intervention or ongoing management.

- Advising consumers of their choices in an environment that is culturally appropriate and which enables comfortable and confidential discussion. This includes the use of interpreter services where necessary.
- Ensuring informed consent is obtained prior to delivering care.
- Meeting all legislative requirements and professional standards.
- Applying standard precautions, and additional precautions as necessary, when delivering care.
- Documenting all care in accordance with mandatory and local requirements.

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