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Abstract:

BACKGROUND: Large multihospital health systems with multiple children’s hospitals are relatively few in number. With a paucity of national pediatric measures for quality and patient safety, there are unique challenges to ensuring consistent levels of care across diverse health care delivery settings. At Johns Hopkins Medicine, a Pediatric Joint Council was created to help ensure high-quality and safe care across a health system encompassing two full-service children’s hospitals and two community hospitals with significant pediatric volumes across two states.

APPROACH: Across the health system, a governance, leadership, and management structure was developed to coordinate the quality and safety of patient care throughout the academic health system. Within the pediatric service line, the multidisciplinary Pediatric Joint Council included representation from each pediatric entity and was supported by project managers, quality improvement (QI) team leaders, QI leads from each entity, infection control, and clinical analysts. The Pediatric Joint Council was responsible for setting standards and improvement goals, as well as monitoring and improving performance of pediatric services across the health system and identifying training gaps and research opportunities.

CONCLUSION: The Pediatric Joint Council model, as implemented, provides a focused structure for coordinated efforts across disparate pediatric entities, ensuring horizontal peer learning and entity-specific improvements, as well as vertical lines of accountability and central oversight with shared governance. This model has served to help identify areas
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in need of pediatric expertise and has facilitated the use of resources from across the entire health system focused on improving pediatric care.

Reference:


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