



PEACH

PAEDIATRIC EMERGENCY ASSESSMENT COMMUNICATION HANDOVER

The PEACH[®] Course will teach you simple assessment skills on how to recognise an unwell child and have confidence to know what to do.



The PEACH® course will give you the confidence and knowledge to be able to carry out a simple assessment on a child who is unwell.

There is nothing more scary than an unwell child and having the knowledge about what to do and knowing the best course of action to take.

On the PEACH® course you will learn:

- How to assess a child's airway, breathing and circulation using a structured assessment method which is used in all healthcare settings – particularly acute hospitals.
- How to recognise the softer signs of deterioration, using a look, listen and feel approach.
- How to evaluate common childhood illness and understand at what point it goes from treating at home to getting help.
- How to give the most appropriate escalation for the child, what help is needed and at what point. GP, 111 services or hospital.
- How to communicate your concerns. PEACH® will teach you a structured way to communicate your concerns so the receiver will understand the urgency of the situation.

PEACH® is a half day course and has been designed for anyone who looks after children, whether this be your own, your grandchildren, childminders, nursery staff, school teachers, playgroups or junior staff in clinical areas.



The course objectives are:

- A structured and systematic approach to the assessment of at risk children.
- To undertake an A–H patient assessment using a ‘look’, ‘listen’, ‘feel’ approach.
- To understand the importance of your feelings and family when looking after a child who is deteriorating.
- To understand and interpret the ‘softer signs’ of clinical deterioration in children.
- The importance of a prioritised approach in the assessment, and escalation of a child who is deteriorating, within their individual scope of practice.
- To use a structured communication tool to handover effectively to the responder.

The course incorporates:

- A comprehensive PEACH® manual which the candidate receives at least four weeks before the course. This manual is then used as a workbook on the course.
- The manual can be used as evidence for continuing professional development and link to their career framework.
- Interactive workshops which can be adapted to meet the local patient safety agenda.

• The course has:

- A blended, flexible learning approach with the ability to run the course as a half day or expand to a full day to enable bespoke topics, i.e. embedding organisational learning from incidents and human factors training.
- A nationally recognised candidate course certificate.
- A straightforward programme to organise and deliver with minimal equipment required.



Requirements to deliver the course

- An ALERT® Course licence, which enables use of all of the suite of courses, and purchase of manuals from Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust
- Purchase of a PEACH® Course only annual licence and manuals from Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust
- Adherence to the PEACH® course regulations which can be found on www.alert-course.com.

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