I. PURPOSE:
   A. The purpose of the Pediatric Emergency Department (Peds ED) rotation is to enable students to observe and participate in the clinical assessment and emergency interventions for acutely ill or injured pediatric patients.

II. BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES: STUDENTS
   Upon completion of independent study, preliminary course declarative content, and the precepted clinical experience, each paramedic student will do the following without critical error:
   A. Gain competence and strengthen patient assessment skills for pediatric-aged patients
   B. Gain competence and strengthen procedural skills for pediatric-aged patients
   C. Gain competence and strengthen communication skills with
   D. Develop diagnostic and critical thinking skills related to pediatric-aged patients
   E. Observe comprehensive care of acutely ill and injured pediatric patients
   F. Administer approved medications and observe effects and side effects
   G. Enhance knowledge of anatomy and pathophysiology of pediatric-aged patients

III. BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES: PRECEPTORS
   After appropriate orientation by the nurse manager and reviewing the student instruction plan, each preceptor will consistently do the following without critical error:
   A. Provide the student with a brief unit orientation/tour
   B. Review clinical objectives with the student, mutually determine level of participation, your anticipated break and meal times; how and where you can be found to validate their paperwork before leaving shift.
   C. Assist the student in gaining clinical expertise by encouraging patient contact whenever possible and directly observing and coaching while the student performs approved skills.
   D. Serve as a source of reference in answering the student’s questions
   E. Complete the Clinical Activity Performance Record:
      1. Sign and date form
      2. Verify and rate activities recorded by the student
      3. Observe and rate the student’s professional affective behaviors
      4. Document student’s arrival and departure time

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