

Patient at Risk

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***Launch of Online Database for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
"Patient At Risk" Provides Lifesaving Details to Emergency Responders***

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KIMBERLY, WI, September 13, 2012 – A coalition of parents, emergency responders, community partners and hospitals has launched the [Patient at Risk](#) [hyperlink] secure online database. Patient at Risk gives emergency responders specific, individualized instructions for children and youth with special health care needs. The program has been piloted in Milwaukee at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Baraboo, Waukesha and West Allis, and is being rolled out statewide.

Partners

- Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program
- Wisconsin Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Foundation
- American Family Children's Hospital
- Baraboo District Ambulance Services
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Women's Club
- Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center
- The Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- Ministry Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital
- St. Vincent Hospital
- Waukesha Fire Department
- West Allis Fire Department
- Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services for Children

"Kids with special health care needs don't 'fit' into our routine emergency response protocols," said Jesse Alba, Assistant Chief of Operations for the City of Waukesha Fire Department. "We need to know exactly what to do for each case – health history, allergies, dealing with specialized equipment, medications and other care instructions." Alba added, "Responding to an emergency with any child is our toughest job. When we need to address more complicated needs, the more information we have, the better."

Patient at Risk allows parents or guardians to create secure, detailed health profiles for their child to store and manage online. This information is converted into an Electronic Information Form (EIF) that can be printed and distributed to community emergency responders ahead of time, and also accessed online at any time as needed.

"Patient at Risk is a lifesaving program," said Kathleen Beckmann, DO, associate professor of emergency medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin, who sees patients in the emergency department at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. "Having a single database to access critical medical information in an emergency allows everyone to quickly and effectively provide care to patients with even the most complicated medical needs."

Web Site

<http://wiaap.org/patient-at-risk.php>

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To learn more about the Patient At Risk program, visit <http://wiaap.org/patient-at-risk.php>. For printed materials or for more information, contact Kristina Manke, Program Coordinator, at (414) 337-7546 or PatientatRisk@gmail.com.

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