

Why Use Telemedicine for Pediatrics and NICU?

Newborns and children sometimes require specialized care that may not be available in small community hospitals, especially on a 24/7 basis.

The physician shortage is straining hospitals nationwide, especially those in rural areas, and is unfortunately expected to continue in upcoming years.

The rising number of children with chronic health problems is only going to intensify this shortage. This continued demand is also likely to drive up pediatrician salaries. For too many patients, this shortage will result in transfer to a distant tertiary hospital many miles from home – putting additional stress on the patients' families in an already uncertain time.

The Challenge

Neonatology is a medical subspecialty not all hospitals can provide, yet it is critical to the viability of a high-risk newborn. A general hospitalist or internist does not have the training or experience these unique patients require.

Neonatology support in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is necessary at a moment's notice to evaluate and stabilize newborns, then determine next steps in their care.

The Solution

Eagle TelePediatrics serves as critical support for high-risk infants and hospitalized pediatric patients. Eagle's TelePediatric Hospitalists provide coverage similar to TeleHospitalists who oversee adult patients on the night shift and on weekends. Eagle's TeleNeonatologists are available within minutes, day or night, every day of the year, to assist local providers in offering immediate care for the newborn in the NICU. These programs help hospitals to avoid transfers, as much as possible, so the family can be nearby, reducing the parents' stress during a difficult time.

The Eagle team covers the night and weekend gaps in Pediatric and NICU staffing, performing proactive rounding with local nurses to assess, triage and institute early treatment in patients with a decline in their clinical status. Our TelePediatrics and Tele-NICU specialists can support a Pediatrics unit or NICU. Eagle also offers Maternal-Fetal telemedicine services.

TelePediatrics & NICU Benefits

- ✓ Access to Team of Board-Certified Pediatric and NICU Specialists
- ✓ Manage Gaps in Coverage
- ✓ Collaborative Care With Local Physicians
- ✓ Reduce Transfers
- ✓ Increase Patient Access and Satisfaction
- ✓ Maximize ROI with incremental DRG reimbursement

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To Learn More About Implementing TelePediatrics at Your Hospital, Contact Eagle Today

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