

A Review of Hospital-to-Hospital Transfers of Non-Traumatic Pediatric Patients from Regions Hospital Emergency Department

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Regions Hospital Emergency Department is a level 1 adult and pediatric trauma center with over 100,000 patient visits per year but Regions Hospital does not admit pediatric patients. Attached to Regions Hospital, on the same campus, stands Gillette Hospital. This quality improvement project aimed to quantify and characterize the pediatric patient population that presented to Regions Hospital Emergency Department and required transfer to an outside hospital for inpatient admission. The goal of this project is to determine the feasibility of admitting a wider spectrum of pediatric patients to Gillette Hospital. Further discussions within Gillette Hospital administration identified adequate capacity and a willingness to admit a wider range pediatric medical conditions. With this, Gillette Hospital will begin admitting a range of non-traumatic medical diagnoses from Regions Hospital Emergency Department starting in Spring 2025. We are excited to have helped develop and implement a more patient-centered approach to inpatient pediatric care.