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# The Smallest Journeys Home: NICU Repatriation and Reunification

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Transport Team Manager
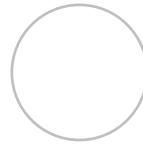
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OBJECTIVES

PART ONE
Describe repatriation and challenges faced with neonatal patients

PART TWO
Analyze the clinical and logistical difficulties involved in the repatriation and reunification of NICU infants

PART THREE
Apply lessons learned to develop or enhance protocols for neonatal reunification
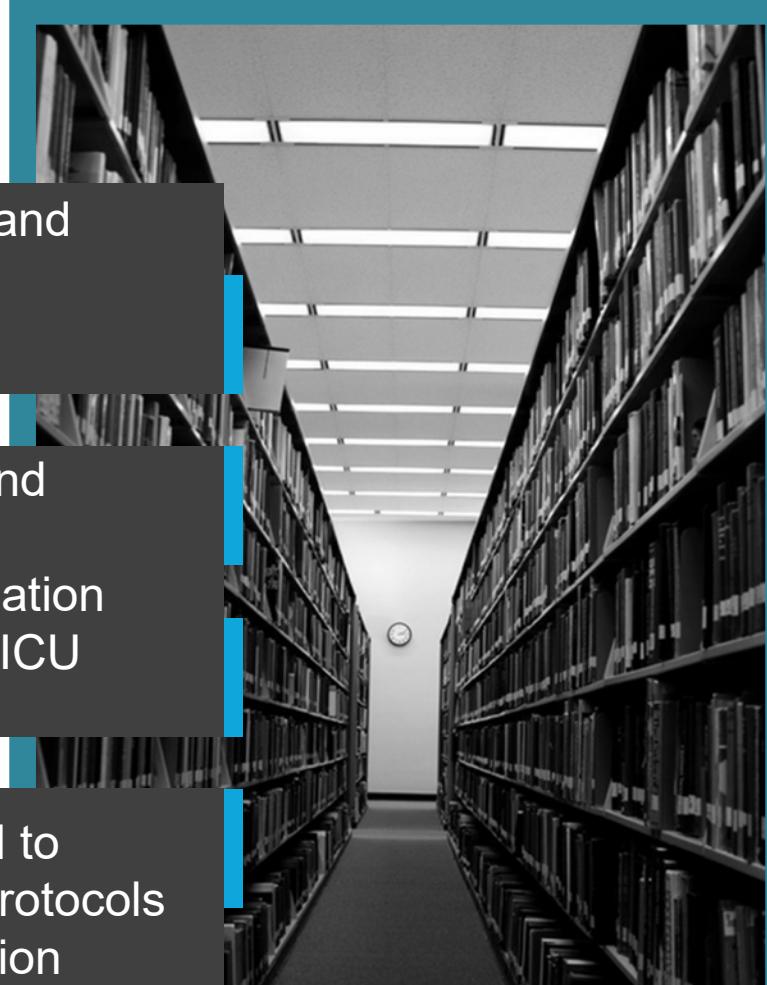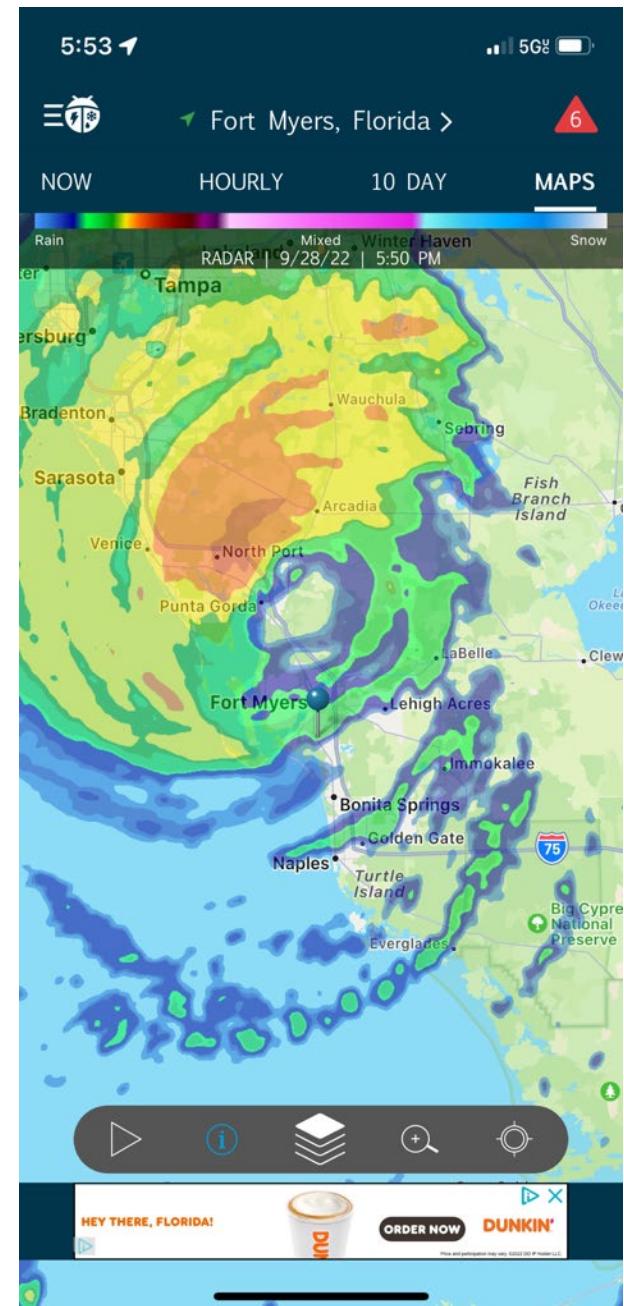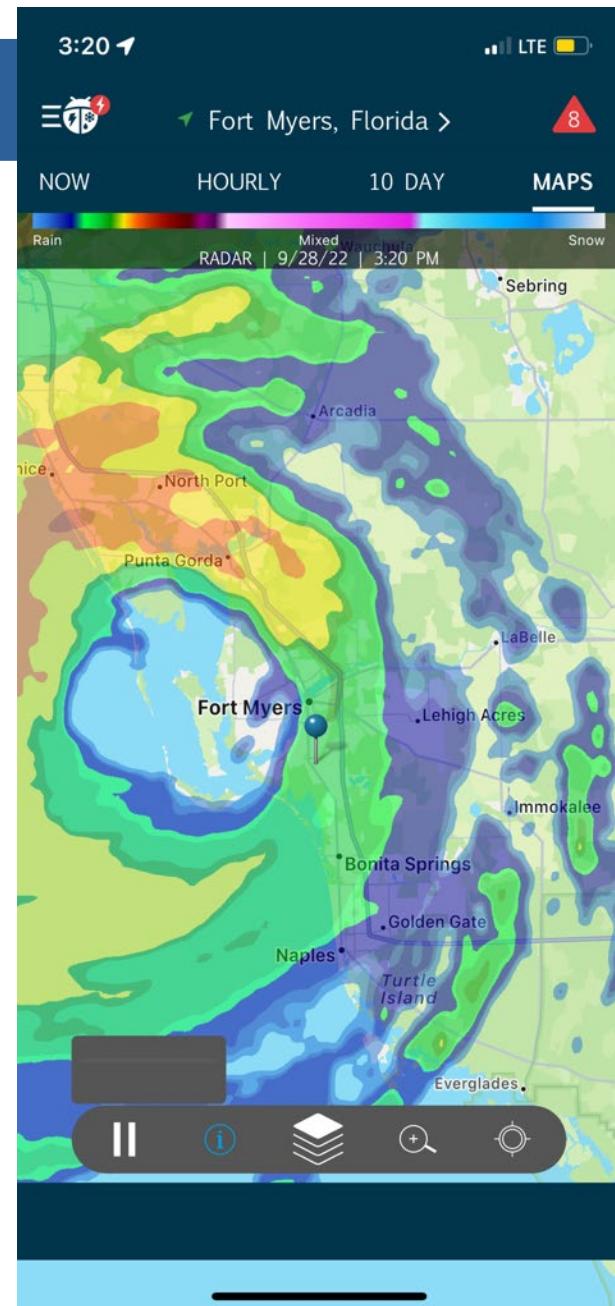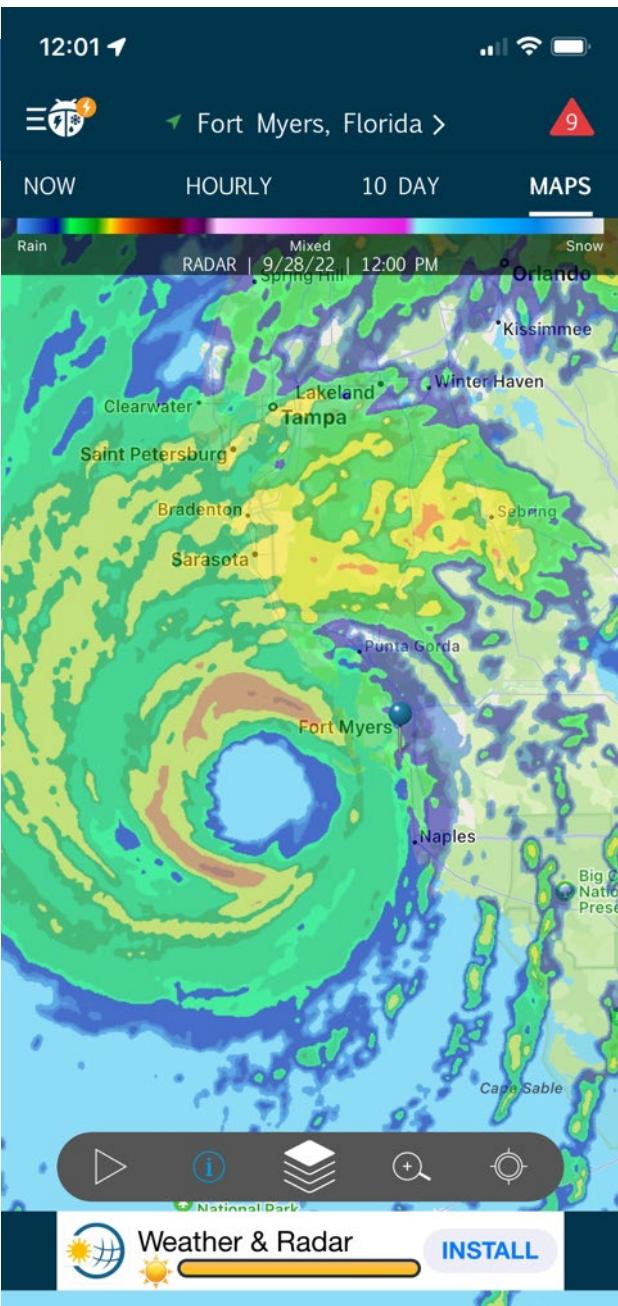
All moved in 36 hours

<u>81 total patients</u>
62 Neonates
8 PICU
6 Peds
3 PONC
2 Peds ED

15 Facilities Across The State
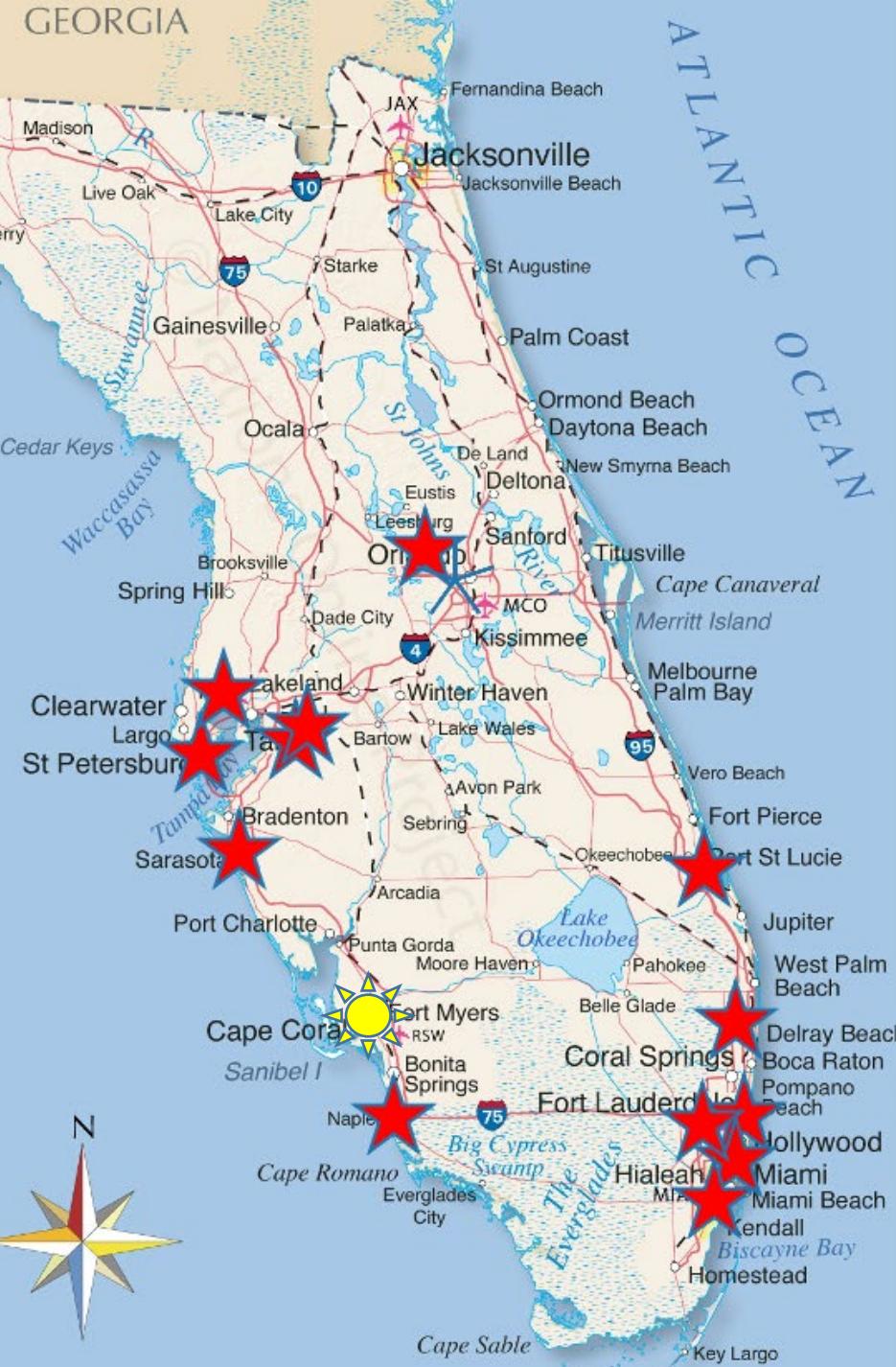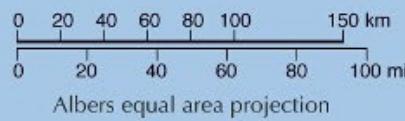
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Reunification is the process of restoring a separated child to their parents, caregivers, or family.
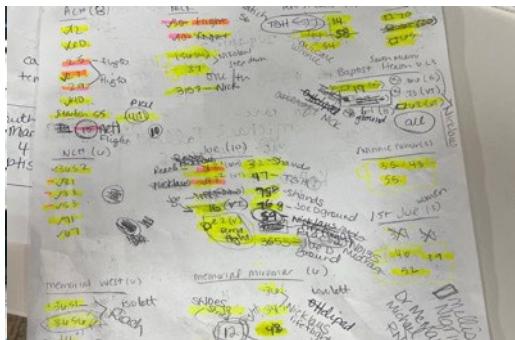
Patient Tracking

How do you track patients?

- Paper and Pencil
- HICS Forms

Technology

EHR

Pulsara

Family Communication

NicuView

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HICS 260 - PATIENT EVACUATION TRACKING FORM

1. Date	2. From (Unit)

3. Patient Name	4. DOB	5. Medical Record Number

6. Diagnosis	7. Admitting Physician

8. Family Notified ☐ YES ☐ NO   NAME: _____   CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

9. Mode of Transport	10. Accompanying Equipment (check those that apply)			
☐ Hospital Bed ☐ Gurney ☑ Wheelchair ☐ Ambulatory ☑ Other:	☐ IV Pump(s) ☐ Oxygen ☐ Ventilator ☑ Chest Tube(s) ☐ Other:	☐ Isolette/Warmer ☐ Traction ☐ Monitor ☐ A-Line/Swan ☐ Other:	☐ Foley Catheter ☐ Halo-Device ☐ Cranial Bolt/Screw ☐ Intraosseous Device ☐ Other:

11. Special Needs

12. Isolation ☐ YES ☐ NO   TYPE: _____   REASON: _____

13. Evacuating Clinical Location			14. Arriving Location	
ROOM # TIME			ROOM # TIME	
ID BAND CONFIRMED BY:		☐ YES ☐ NO	ID BAND CONFIRMED BY:	☐ YES ☐ NO
MEDICAL RECORD SENT		☐ YES ☐ NO	MEDICAL RECORD RECEIVED	☐ YES ☐ NO
BELONGINGS	☐ WITH PATIENT	☐ LEFT IN ROOM ☐ NONE	BELONGINGS RECEIVED	☐ YES ☐ NO
VALUABLES	☐ WITH PATIENT	☐ LEFT IN SAFE ☐ NONE	VALUABLES RECEIVED	☐ YES ☐ NO
MEDICATIONS	☐ WITH PATIENT	☐ LEFT ON UNIT ☐ PHARMACY	MEDICATIONS RECEIVED	☐ YES ☐ NO
PEDS / INFANTS			**PEDS / INFANTS**	
BAG/MASK WITH TUBING SENT		☐ YES ☐ NO	BAG/MASK /W TUBING RCVD	☐ YES ☐ NO
BULB SYRINGE SENT		☐ YES ☐ NO	BULB SYRINGE RECEIVED	☐ YES ☐ NO

15. Transferring to another Facility / Location

TIME TO STAGING AREA	TIME DEPARTING TO RECEIVING FACILITY

Destination

TRANSPORTATION	☐ AMBULANCE. # AGENCY	☐ HELICOPTER	☐ OTHER
ID BAND CONFIRMED ☐ YES ☐ NO BY			
DEPARTURE TIME:			

16. Prepared by

PRINT NAME: _____   SIGNATURE: _____

DATE/TIME: _____   FACILITY: _____

HOSPITAL INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

Purpose: Detail and account for patients transferred to another facility
Origination: Inpatient/Outpatient Unit Leader or Casualty Care Unit Leader
Copies to: Patient Tracking Manager, Medical Care Branch Director,
              evacuating clinical location, and Documentation Unit Leader

HICS 260 I Page 1 of 1

MASTER PATIENT EVACUATION TRACKING FORM

HOSPITAL INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

1. INCIDENT NAME	2. DATE/TIME PREPARED	3. PATIENT TRACKING MANAGER

4. PATIENT EVACUATION INFORMATION

Patient Name	Medical Record #	Disposition (Home or Transfer)	Evacuation Triage Category (Immed., Delayed, Minor, Expired)	Accepting Hospital	Time Hospital Contacted and Report Given

Transfer Initiated (Time/Transport Company)	Medical Record Sent (Yes/No)	Medication Sent (Yes/No)	Family Notified (Yes/No)	Arrival Confirmed (Yes/No)	Admission Location (Floor, ICU, ER)	Expired (Time)

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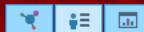
Patient Lists

🔧 Edit List ▾ | Patient Transport | Pt Location ▾ | Sign Out Rpt

My Lists

- ▾ Niki's Patients
  - All - Treatment Team
- ▾ Niki's Unit
  - 1 Emergency Room - HER
  - 1 Emergency Room - LER
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  - 5 Peds IP Onc
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  - 7 Peds Med/Surg
  - Discharge Lounge
  - Emergency Room - PER
  - Peds NICU Transport
  - Peds Urgent Care

Available Lists ⯆

- Recent Searches
- ▸ System Lists
- ▸ Admissions Pending
- ▸ EpicCare Link Recently Discharged
- ▸ EpicLink Admitted Patients
- ▸ HOD Downtime
- ▸ Inpatient Draw List
- ▸ Quality Programs
- ▸ Recently Discharged
- ▸ Remote Client Caseload
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    - Login Department
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Unit Manager | Patient Station | Today's Pts | Schedule | OR Schedule | OnServiceMD | Provider Privileges | My Reports | Spiritual Care Catholic Census | Spiritual Care Census

Print | Log Out

TR3B - TRAINING ENVI | EpicCare | NS

Patient Lists

Edit List | Patient Transport | Pt Location | Sign Out Rpt | Reports | Write Handoff | MAR | Doc Flowsheets | Work List | Sign In | Sign Out | Code

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All Patients at Golisano Children's Hospital 249 Patients

Refreshed just now | Search Current Locat···

Dept/Room/Bed ▲	Patient Name	Discharge Disposition	Target Facility	Discharge Planning			Family/SO Notified / Nurse Handoff / Provider Handoff	CM Notes
PER / Exam 01 / EX 01	Craftsman, Marianne 12 y.o. / F 3/29/2012	—	—	—	—	—	⊗ ⊗	—
PER / Exam 02 / EX 02	Cutoffsaw, Marianne 12 y.o. / F 3/29/2012	—	—	—	—	—	⊗ ⊗	—
PER / Exam 04 / EX 04	Cutter, Marianne 12 y.o. / F 3/29/2012	—	—	—	—	—	⊗ ⊗	—
PER / Exam 05 / EX 05	DeWalt, Marianne 12 y.o. / F 3/29/2012	—	—	—	—	—	⊗ ⊗	—
PER / Exam 06 / EX 06	Diablade, Marianne 12 y.o. / F 3/29/2012	—	—	—	—	—	⊗ ⊗	—
PER / Exam 10 / EX 10	Craftsman, Melanie 8 y.o. / F 1/22/2017	—	—	—	—	—	⊗ ⊗	—
PER / Exam 11 / EX 11	Cutoffsaw, Melanie 8 y.o. / F 1/22/2017	—	—	—	—	—	⊗ ⊗	—
PER / Exam 12 / EX 12	Zzedmasterone, Melanie 14 y.o. / F 4/4/2010	—	—	—	—	—	⊗ ⊗	—

Craftsman, Marianne   DOB:3/29/2012   Unit:PER   Room:Exam 01   Bed:EX 01

Mass Evacuation Form 260 | Profile | Req Doc

Mass Evacuation Form ...

⚠ **Missing Birth Weight or Gestational Age** ⤴   Update Birth History

Marianne Craftsman

MRN: 40238323 Description: 12 year old female

LEE HEALTH

GOLISANO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT - - GOLISANO
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
9981 S HEALTHPARK DR

Today's Date	1/22/2025
Admission Date:	1/22/2025
Discharge Date:	Data Unavailable

Mass Evacuation Form 260

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	Cutter, Marianne					

Craftsman, Marianne   DOB:3/29/2012   Unit:PER   Room:Exam 01   Bed:EX 01

← ▾ ↻ 🔍 | 📝 Mass Evacuation Form 260 | 📄 Profile 📄 Req Doc

Hospital Problems:	Diagnosis	Date Noted	Sex:	Female
	• Pharyngitis	02/02/2023		

Family/SO Notified?

EMERGENCY CONTACTS		Rel to Patient	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone
1.	*No Contact Specified*				
2.	*No Contact Specified*				

TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Mode of Transport:		Special Needs:	

Life Support:

Triage Category:

Means of Transport:
Accompanying
Equipment:

Peripheral IV (Ped) 1/22/2025 Antecubital (Active)

Isolation:	No active isolations	LDAs:	Site Assessment	Clean, Dry, Intact	01/22/25 0634
			Line Status	Blood returned	01/22/25 0634
			Dressing Status	Clean, Dry, Intact	01/22/25 0634

EVACUATING CLINICAL LOCATION

Room Number:	EXAM 01	Patient belongings:
ID Band Confirmed by:		Patient valuables:
Medical Record Sent:		Patient medications:

TARGET FACILITY INFORMATION

Target Facility:
Contact info:

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- Ready Op
- Excel Spreadsheet

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SEPT 28, 2022 3:05pm

Hurricane Ian made landfall.

Sept 28

SEPT 29 & 30, 2022

Patients evacuated

Sept 29

Sept 30

SEPT 30-OCT 6, 2022

Evacuation of 11 more patients

- 2 NICU
- 9 PEDS/PICU
- 1 pediatric patient and 1 NICU patient were transported to a higher level of care

OCT 7, 2022

Plan developed for repatriation

Oct 7
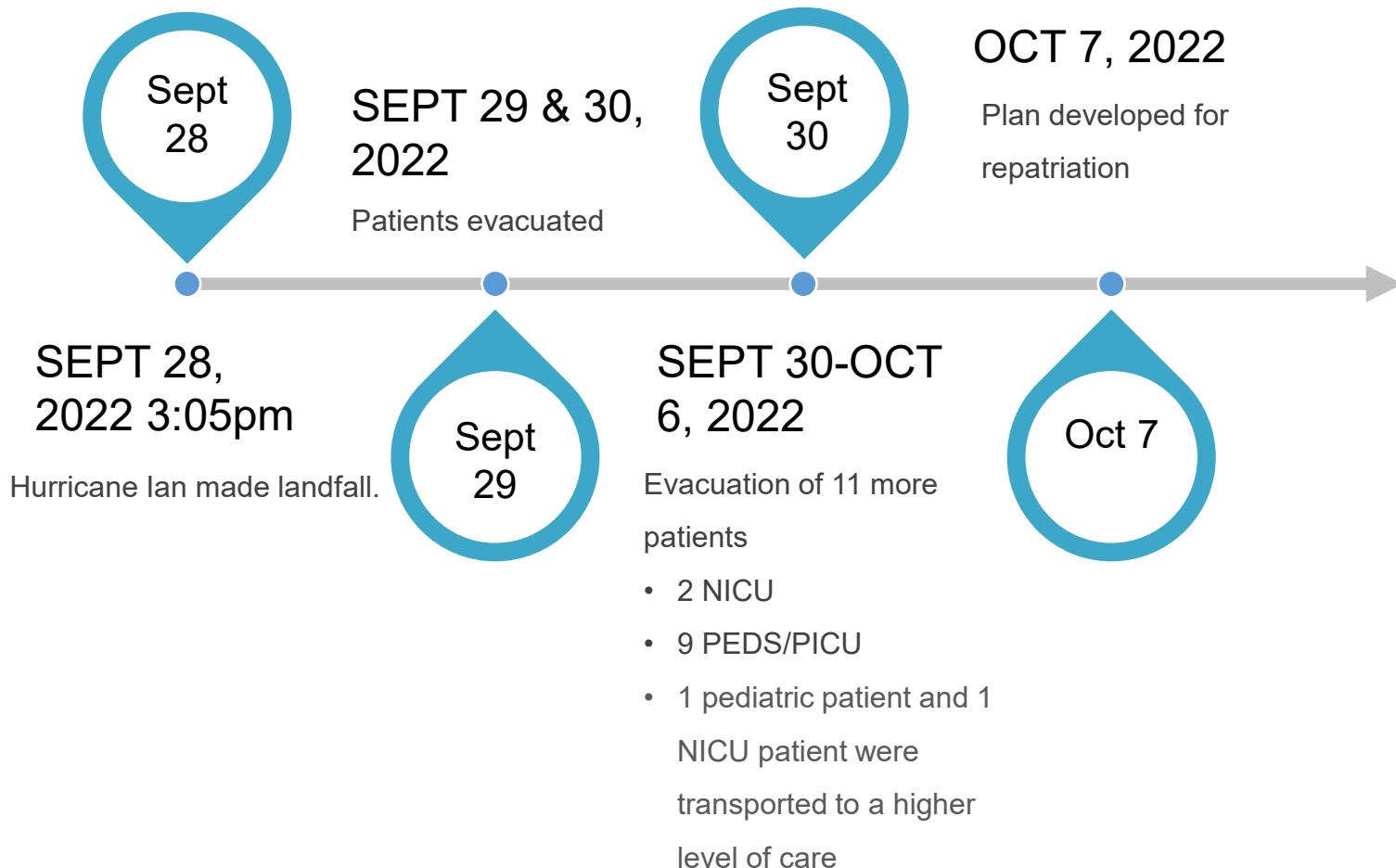
- Say what?
- Who, when, how…
- This isn't the part that is written….
- Funding

Are you as a facility at capacity?

Do the parents want to come back?

D/C within 5 days?

Do they have the resources to come back?

Repatriation

Too Sick to Return, 4, 4%
Staying at Facility, 5, 6%
Repatriated, 29, 32%
OR, 2, 2%
Discharged, 51, 56%
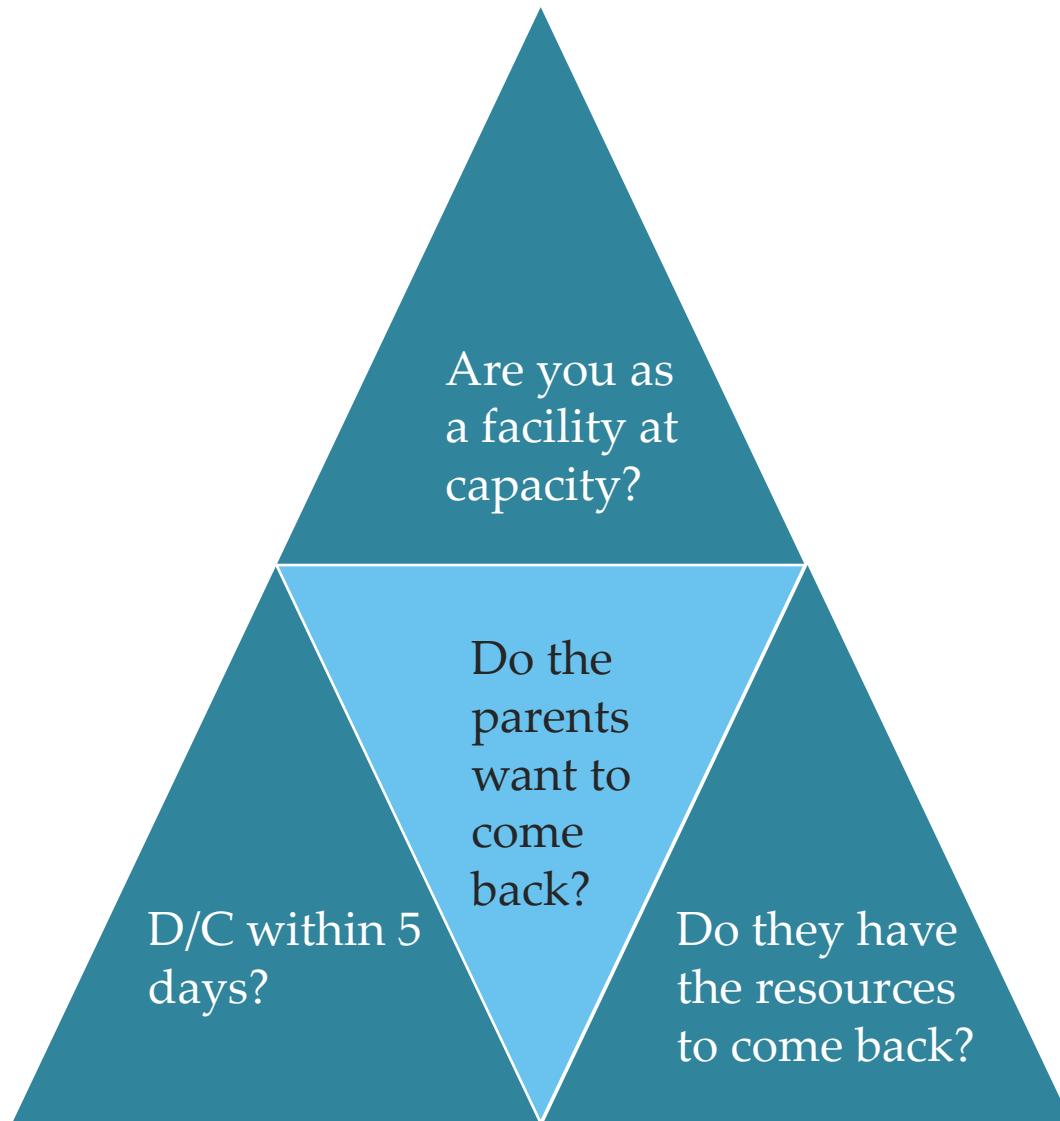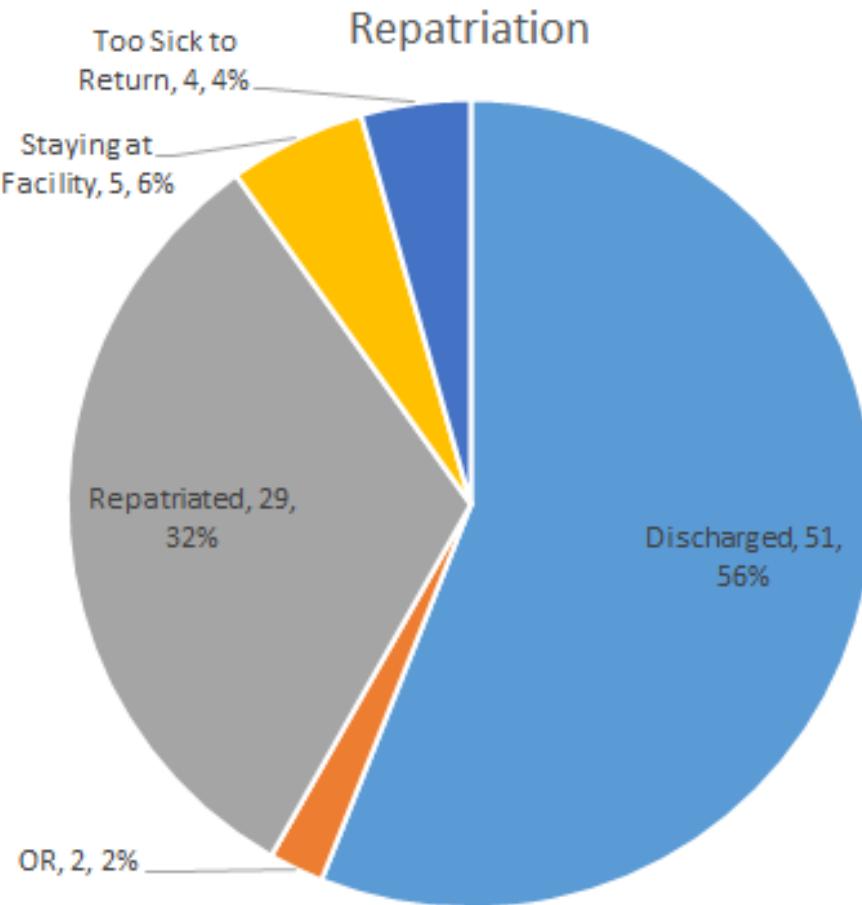
ALL NICU babies left under Baby, boy/girl….
All came back with birth Certificate names

IN THE END:
33 Total Came Back
Over 2 weeks

Strengths

Early Communication
Back-up Plan
No Middle Man
Used to Interfacility
Mentality
Golisano teams went on
transport –Mentally?
Repatriation – One
Neonatologist taking calls
Relationships
HICS forms used

Threats

Statewide weather
Route I-75 flooding
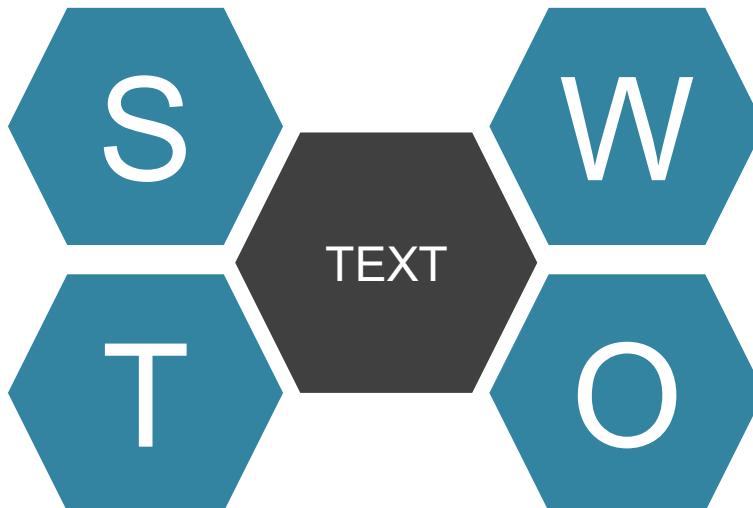
Weaknesses

Paperwork needs
(perceived)
Bed placement – Internal vs
FHA
Too many cooks in the
kitchen with bed placement
Ambulance tracking – ETAs
Unknown Fuel Depot

Opportunities

Streamline paperwork
(transfer vs evacuation)
Isolette Team
Redistribute team to help
Repatriation
Special Needs placement
from the hospital
Plans for families at
receiving facilities

S W T O

TEXT

REUNIFICATION

Staff

Who are your resources?
Do you have others to help
with identification?

Stuff & Space
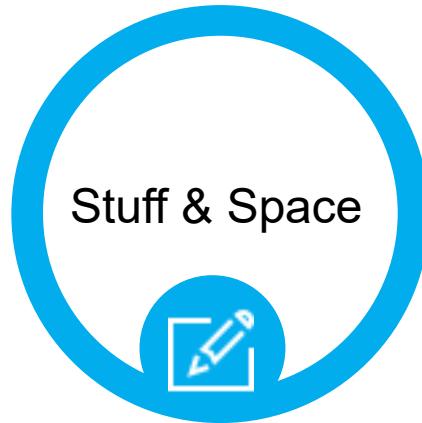
Family Centers-
Space – entry and exits
Do you have water or
snacks?
Is there a pediatric safe area?
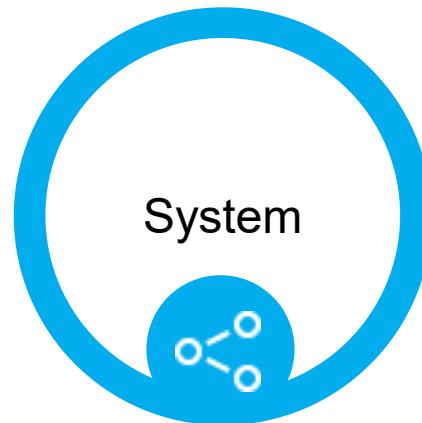
System

What Systems are in place?
What questions do you ask?
Who can help?
- School Districts?
- Red Cross?

What form of ID are you
going to accept?

Pulsara

In the Field for MCI
Patients are tagged and scanned in the field

At the hospital
Arrived at the hospital and can enter and alter any information

In EOC
Command center can monitor and see in real time

htc

Test

Trauma
Transported to
TEST - Florida Hospital

Triage / Incident

Incident

| MCI RSW | ⌄ |

Condition

| Green | Yellow | **Red** | Black |

Patient   🔲 DL Scan   ✎ Edit

US | Statewide Wristband	**FLPB124510**
Date of Service	**Aug 15, 2025 09:42**
Name	**SOPHIE SIMPSON**
Date of Birth	**May 30, 1976**
Arrival	**Inbound EMS**
Room	**-**
Age	**49 Years**
Gender	**Female**

⌄

| 🎤 Audio | 📷 Images | 🖼 ECGs |

EMS

EMS	**Lee County Public Safety, FL**
Unit	**DO3** 📞
First Contact	⏱ 09:34
At Patient	⏱ 09:40
ETA	⏱ 09:48
Acuity	Select EMS ⊞ ADD

00:10:40   00:01:38   👥   ⬭

SOPHIE SIMPSON
49 Years - Female

< Back

Test

Unit	DO3 📞
First Contact	⏱ 09:34
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Acuity	Select EMS Acuity ▾

Requests

| Consult | Transfer | Handoff |

Transport From
ⓘ Lee County Public Safety, FL

To
→ **TEST - Florida Hospital**

Aug 15, 2025 09:42   Completed

Trauma

Select Trauma Level

Chief Complaint / Notes

Response to pain. Confused when conscious. Unable to follow commands.

Emergency Department   📞

| ED Arrival Time | ⏱ 09:44 |

STOP

| 00:10:33 | 00:01:31 | 👥 | 💬 |
| First Contact | ED Arrival | Team | Messages |

Test

👥 Entities

Incident

26.528408, -81.755125

⌄

Patients   Ⅱⅰ Summary   ☰ Filter

🔍 Filter by Name or ID

| At Destination | (Unknown Name) | | Test › |
| Red | Female | | |

| At Destination | Heather Churchill | | Test › |
| Red | US \| Statewide Wristband: FLPB124514 | | |

| At Destination | Jason Nolan | | Test › |
| Red | US \| Statewide Wristband: FLPB124512 | | |

| At Destination | Lillian Pullman | | Test › |
| Black | US \| Statewide Wristband: FLPB124513 | | |

At Destination	MAX RANDALL		Test ›
Red	36 Years - Male		
	US | Statewide Wristband: FLPB124508		

| At Destination | Phil Bell | | Test › |
| Red | US \| Statewide Wristband: FLPB124519 | | |

| At Destination | Peter Welch | | Test › |
| Red | US \| Statewide Wristband: FLPB124518 | | |

| At Destination | Jacob Glover | | Test › |
| Red | US \| Statewide Wristband: FLPB124517 | | |

At Destination	SOPHIE SIMPSON		Test ›
Black	49 Years - Female		
	US | Statewide Wristband: FLPB124510		

✕ **Summary**

	On Scene	En Route	At Destination	Total
None	0	0	0	0
				7
Green	0	7	0	0
Yellow	0	0	0	12
Red	1	1	10	2
Black	0	0	2	21
Total	1	8	12	

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   ✓ Input mobile number used to text attendance code

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