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### TN Emergency Medical Services for Children Announces Recipient of Joseph Weinberg, MD Leadership Award

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NASHVILLE, TN – [Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children](http://www.tnemsc.org) (TN EMSC) is pleased to announce that Sue Cadwell, MSN, RN, NE-BC is the recipient of the 2015 Joseph Weinberg, MD Leadership Award. Sue is the Director of the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA)'s Emergency Department Initiative.

“Sue’s tremendous leadership during the National Pediatric Readiness Assessment demonstrates her dedication to improving pediatric emergency care for Tennessee’s children”, said Rhonda G. Phillippi, TN EMSC Foundation Executive Director. “We are so fortunate to have her continued guidance within our organization.”



“Sue was a member of the Pediatric Readiness Resource Development Working Group and brought with her many of the resources she had used in HCA hospitals to improve pediatric readiness,” said Dr. Marianne Gausche-Hill, Director of Emergency Medical Services and Director of the EMS and Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowships at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. “She was a true “thought leader” for her time. Sue provided the leadership to the 165 HCA hospitals including model policies and procedures for children, quality improvement and disaster plans for children, processes to allow for exchange of equipment between low and high volume hospitals to improve equipment availability for children, and assigning roles of physician and nurse coordinator for pediatric emergency care. With these interventions she was able to improve the pediatric readiness of these hospitals in 20 states including Tennessee.”

Dr. Joseph Weinberg, after whom the leadership award is named, was an instrumental figure in the establishment of Emergency Medical Services for Children both nationally and in Tennessee. He was one of the original authors of the first publication noting the deficiencies of the healthcare system as it relates to critically ill and injured children. He is the ideal embodiment of a pediatrician that combines his expertise in emergency medicine and political maneuvering to improve care for children.

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