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Hospital Nurses Receive Training in Pediatric Nursing

When you bring your children into Teton Valley Hospital, you can feel confident that they are getting the best care possible. In order to meet nationwide best practices, Teton Valley Hospital began offering a new certification in pediatric nursing to its nursing staff this month. The Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course, or ENPC for short, is a 20-hour course that gives nurses extensive training in recognizing and treating children who are ill or who are accident victims.

Although Teton Valley Hospital has always offered superior emergency services to both children and adults, this additional training will ensure that the care offered at the county hospital will be consistent with the care offered at hospitals across the nation. Operating in such a remote area, Teton Valley Hospital sees many critically ill or injured patients who must be transferred to a different facility in Idaho Falls or Salt Lake City. Having nurses trained in ENPC facilitates a smooth and efficient process for turning care of patients over to other facilities in which nurses are trained in the same way.

The trainings and certifications like ENPC offered each year also help Teton Valley Hospital to retain nursing staff. Unlike the nurses at large metropolitan hospitals, Teton Valley Hospital nurses work in all areas of nursing- from labor and delivery to trauma and are expected to maintain a diversity of skills. Chris O'Brien, the hospital's Director of Nursing Services, says "Every time nurses go through a new certification, it improves their confidence and gives them the knowledge that they are providing the best possible care to community members". This confidence in their nursing skills translates into greater satisfaction working at Teton Valley Hospital.

Teton Valley Hospital offers the training internally as two nurses became certified to teach the ENPC last year. These nurses trained half the hospital nursing staff in September and will train the other half in October.