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PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE ENTRUSTABLE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Primary care paediatricians are the point of first medical contact within the health system for all children with unselected complaints.
2. They counsel patients and their families, promote health, provide anticipatory guidance, and prevent illness through immunization and safety counselling programs.
3. They screen all children for normal and abnormal growth and development, for behaviour and emotional problems and for learning disabilities. They evaluate any problems, co-ordinate care and refer if needed
4. They care for adolescents. They are aware of the legal and ethical aspects in this age group, adhere to confidentiality and obtain consent from the adolescent patient for all medical procedures and their records. They ensure smooth transition into adult care.
5. They assess, diagnose and manage all acute medical, developmental and psychosocial problems that are presented .
6. They perform age adequate procedures for diagnosis and treatment with special emphasis on pain management and patient safety.
7. They perform basic diagnostic evaluation and make a probable diagnosis for complex acute problems. They request advice from subspecialists or refer appropriately if needed. They co-ordinate care and follow up.
8. They assess, diagnose, and manage common childhood injuries and refer if needed.

<p>9. They triage and diagnose patients with life threatening conditions. They resuscitate and stabilize patients in the primary paediatric workplace and transfer those who need hospital care.</p>
<p>10. They provide continuous and coordinated care for children with special health care needs (chronic conditions, disabilities or both)</p>
<p>11. They provide consultation to other health care providers (nurses, social workers, teachers, etc.)</p>
<p>12. They are familiar with the resources of the community and use and coordinate social and educational services and governmental agencies for integrated child care. They provide telephone advice.</p>
<p>13. They act as advocates for the Rights of the Child as declared in the UN Convention (1989). They work with community partners to improve environmental and social factors influencing child health such as poverty, violence, abuse and neglect, and lack of learning experiences</p>
<p>14. They provide safety patient and quality</p>

*UN Convention (1989). LINK 24 paragraph