

# Drummond's Pediatric Health IT Certification Program

Drummond's Pediatric Health IT Certification program was created in response to congressional legislation, the 21st Century Cures Act passed in 2016, which recommends voluntary certification of health IT used by pediatric health providers. More than two years in development, Drummond's program was a result of collaborating with an advisory panel of clinicians and leaders in pediatric health IT to develop a composite set of baseline and advanced requirements based on the following sources: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology (ONC) [10 recommendations](#) for pediatric health IT (part of the 21st Century Cures Act Final Rule), the 2015 Agency for Healthcare Research (AHRQ) [Children's EHR Format](#) 2015 Priority List, and HL7 Pediatric Care Health IT Functional Profile R2.1.

Drummond's team of testing and certification experts seek to improve child health outcomes and accelerate advances in health IT for children through:

- Independent testing and certification of pediatric health IT requirements
- Providing vendors targeting pediatrics health IT with an objective requirement reference set
- Opportunities for competitive differentiation among health IT vendors by highlighting advanced capabilities
- Transparency to the pediatric clinicians of both baseline and advanced capabilities of different health IT vendors

## ONC Health IT Certification

Drummond's Pediatric Health IT Certification program builds and includes a subset of current ONC health IT certification criteria as pre-requisites – see related FAQs (<https://www.drummondgroup.com/pediatric-ehr-certification-faqs/>) for a list of prerequisites.

It is designed to be comprehensive, covering technical requirements across both ambulatory and inpatient settings, including:

- Medication management
- Care team contact management
- Growth data and charting
- Vital signs measurement
- Incomplete care opportunities
- Newborn screening
- Non-medication orders
- Birth and patient maternal information
- Pre-visit content
- Flagging of special needs
- Activity clearance
- Immunizations
- Specialized scales and scoring
- Clinical quality measures

## Baseline tracks

Our pediatric health IT certification program defines two baseline tracks: One for the ambulatory setting and another for inpatient setting. The baseline track requirements are tested as “pass/fail” and a vendor must pass all baseline requirements for a specific setting to achieve certification.

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## Advanced achievements

A key goal of Drummond's program is to recognize leading vendors and help accelerate advances in health IT for children while giving providers a better understanding of vendor differentiation. The program is supported through an advanced badge system. Vendors may choose to be tested in one or more advanced topic areas. For each tested topic, vendors receive a total score of achievement against a set of scored advanced requirements. Currently, Drummond's program certifies health IT software with these badges delivered upon completion.



**DRUMMOND PEDIATRIC**  
Certification Program

-  **SECURITY & PRIVACY**
-  **IMMUNIZATION**
-  **WELL CHILD CARE**  
Score: 1-2-3-4-5
-  **MEDICATION MGMT**  
Score: 1-2-3-4-5
-  **QUALITY REPORTING**  
Score: 1-2-3-4-5
-  **AMBULATORY**  
Certification
-  **CARE TEAM/PLANNING**  
Score: 1-2-3-4-5
-  **INPATIENT**  
Certification
-  **NEWBORN CARE & SCREENING**  
Score: 1-2-3-4-5

## Recertification

Maintaining active certification requires biennial recertification. For more information, email: [Peds@drummondgroup.com](mailto:Peds@drummondgroup.com)

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