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# POLICY STATEMENT

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## *Evaluation and Treatment of Minors*

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As an adjunct to this policy statement, ACEP prepared a policy resource and education paper (PREP) titled “Evaluation and Treatment of Minors”

The medical screening, examination and treatment of an emergency medical condition of a minor in the emergency department should not be delayed because of consent issues. When clinically, legally, and ethically appropriate, adolescents independently treated in the emergency department should have their confidentiality honored.