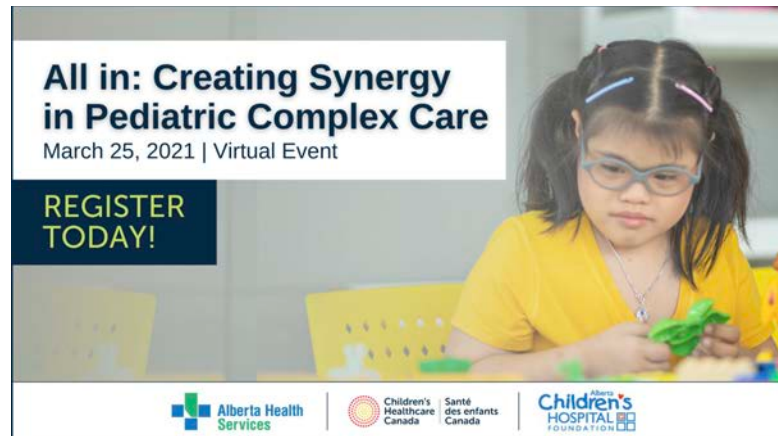


Reflections on the Emergence of Pediatric Complex Care

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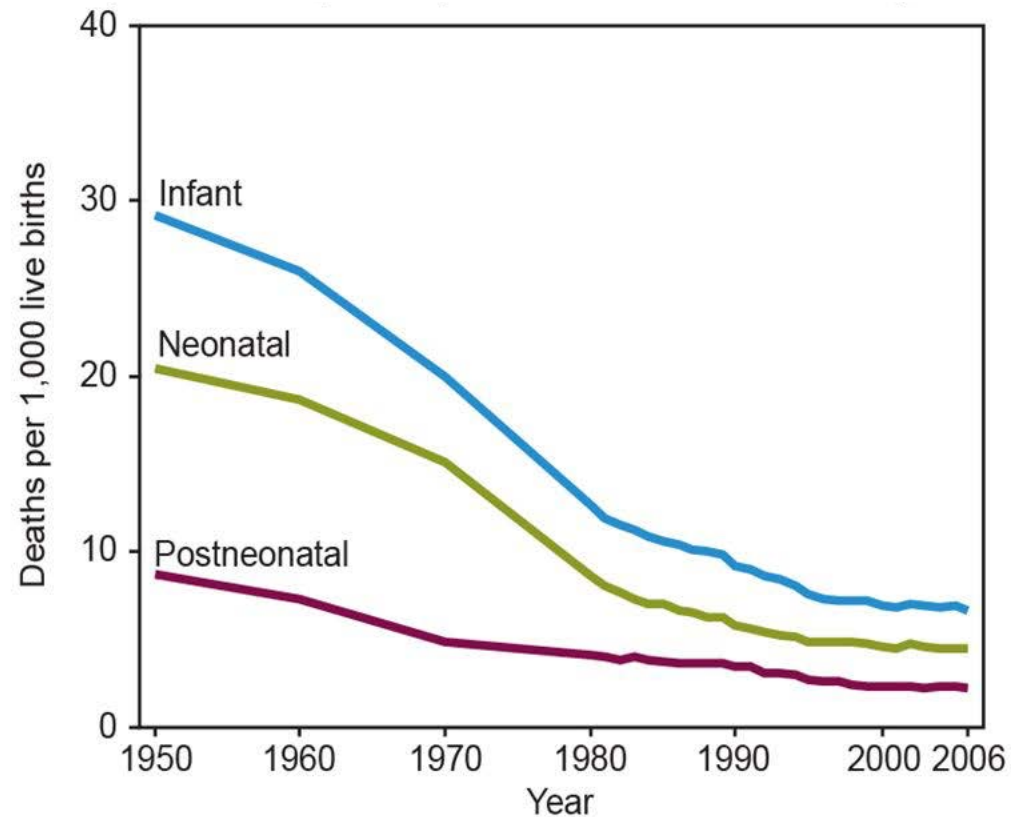
All in: Creating Synergy in Pediatric Complex Care, March 25, 2021



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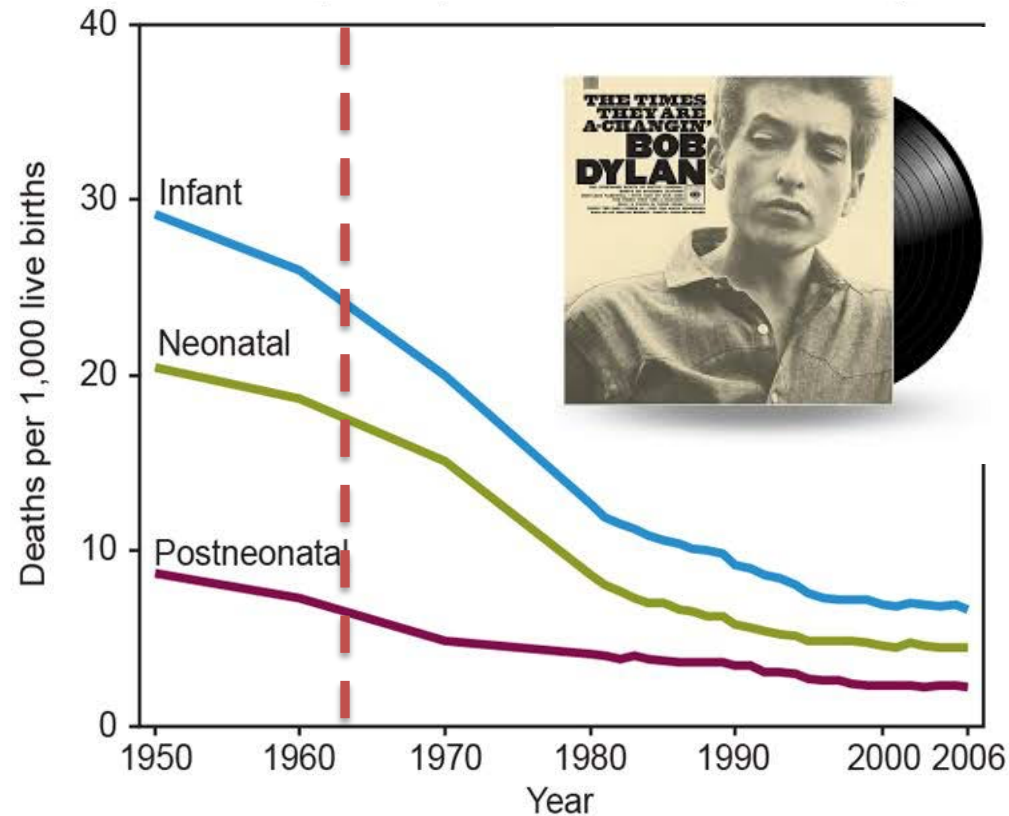
- 1) **WHY**? To describe the growth of populations of children, youth and adults with complex care needs
- 2) **WHAT**? To explore the challenges of care delivery aimed at this population from the perspectives of patients, their families, their clinicians and the health care system
- 3) **HOW**? To discuss promising tools and programmatic initiatives to better care for this population.

The Times They are A-Changin



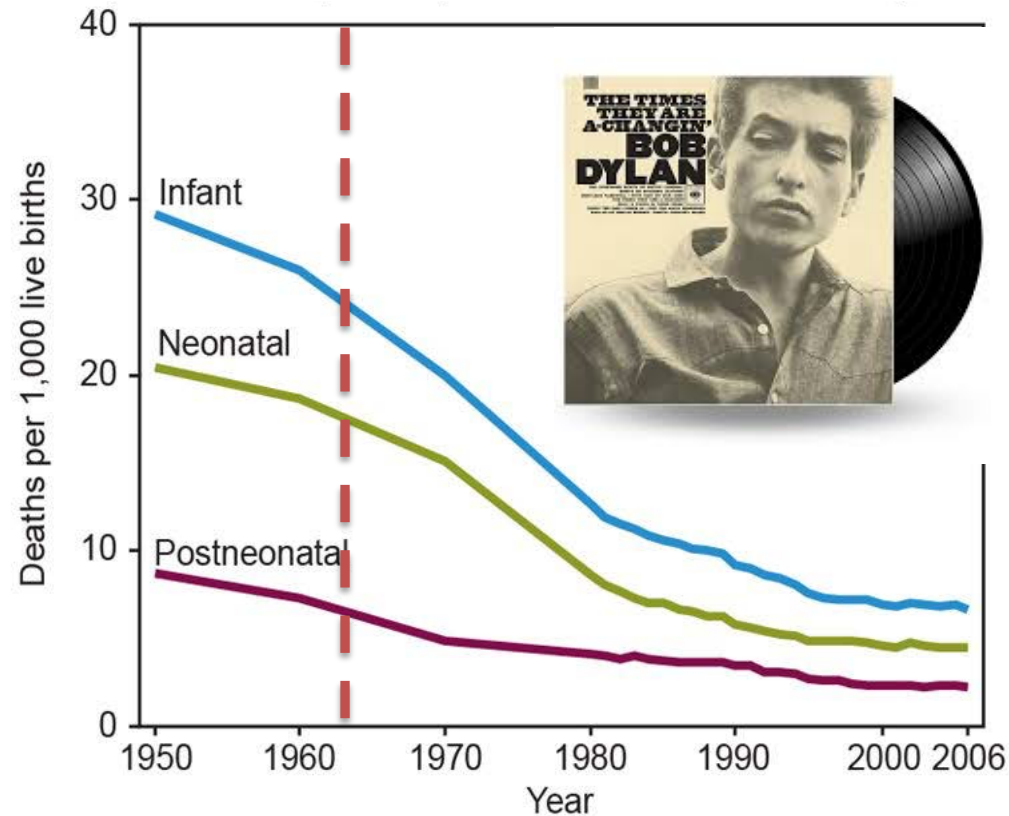
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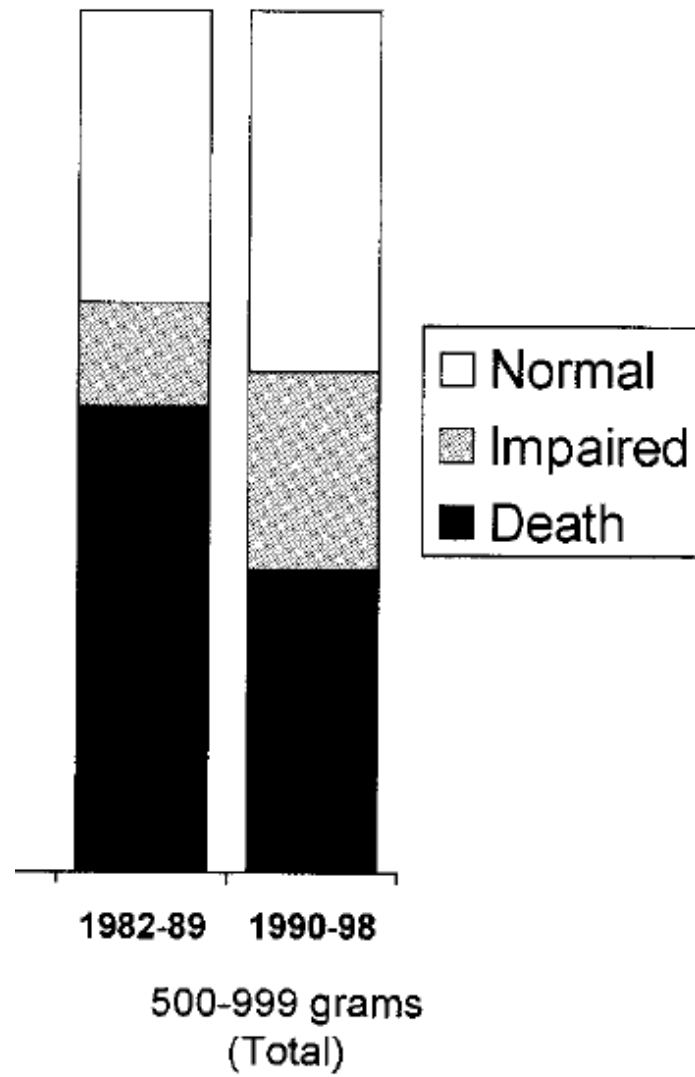


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Patrick Kennedy being transported in an incubator to Boston Children's Hospital, via helicopter.





Surgical Innovations (1963)

Surgical Team And New Operation Save Life Of Three-Year-Old Girl

TORONTO (CP)—Dobble is a three-year-old patient in the hospital for the Children who was her life to a Toronto surgical team and a new operation.

A few months ago she faced almost certain death. Today she is on the road to complete recovery from a heart abnormality which in the past has been fatal for 80 per cent of its victims.

Dobble was at the meeting here of the Canadian Heart Foundation and Canadian Cardiac Society. She was presented as an example of what heart funds can do.

When she was born she had what is known as total transposition of the great vessels of the heart. The aortic and pulmonary arteries which carry blood to the lungs and to the body were transposed.

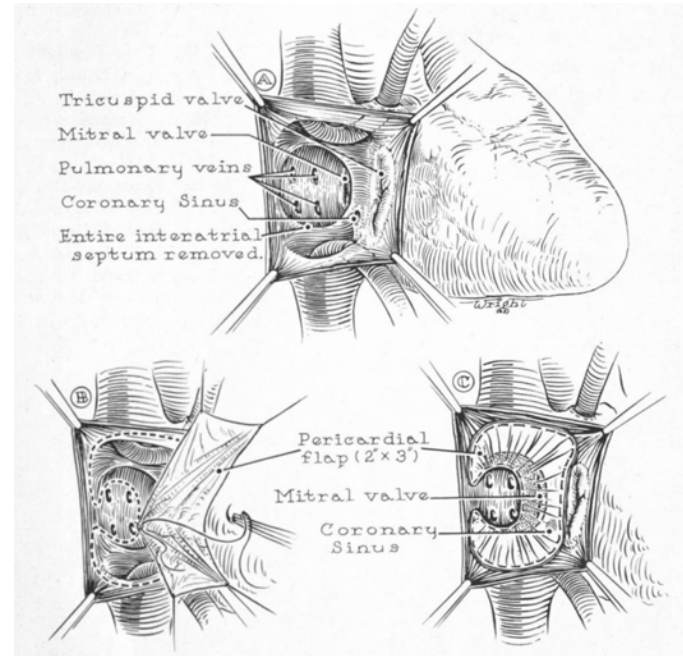
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This meant that Dobble had a heart that worked backwards from normal. But it was doing exactly the correct job. Instead of the right side of the heart bringing blood back from the body and into the lungs, it sent over the task of the left side. At the time doctors thought the operation was the first of its kind but several weeks ago

Presents Mrs. N. Abbey With Nursing Certificate

When Dobble was three weeks old Dr. William Mustard and a team of surgeons artificially widened a tiny abnormal hole in her heart wall through which some oxygen-enriched blood could flow to provide her with the same oxygen as total transposition of the great vessels of the heart. The aortic and pulmonary arteries which carry blood to the lungs and to the body were transposed.

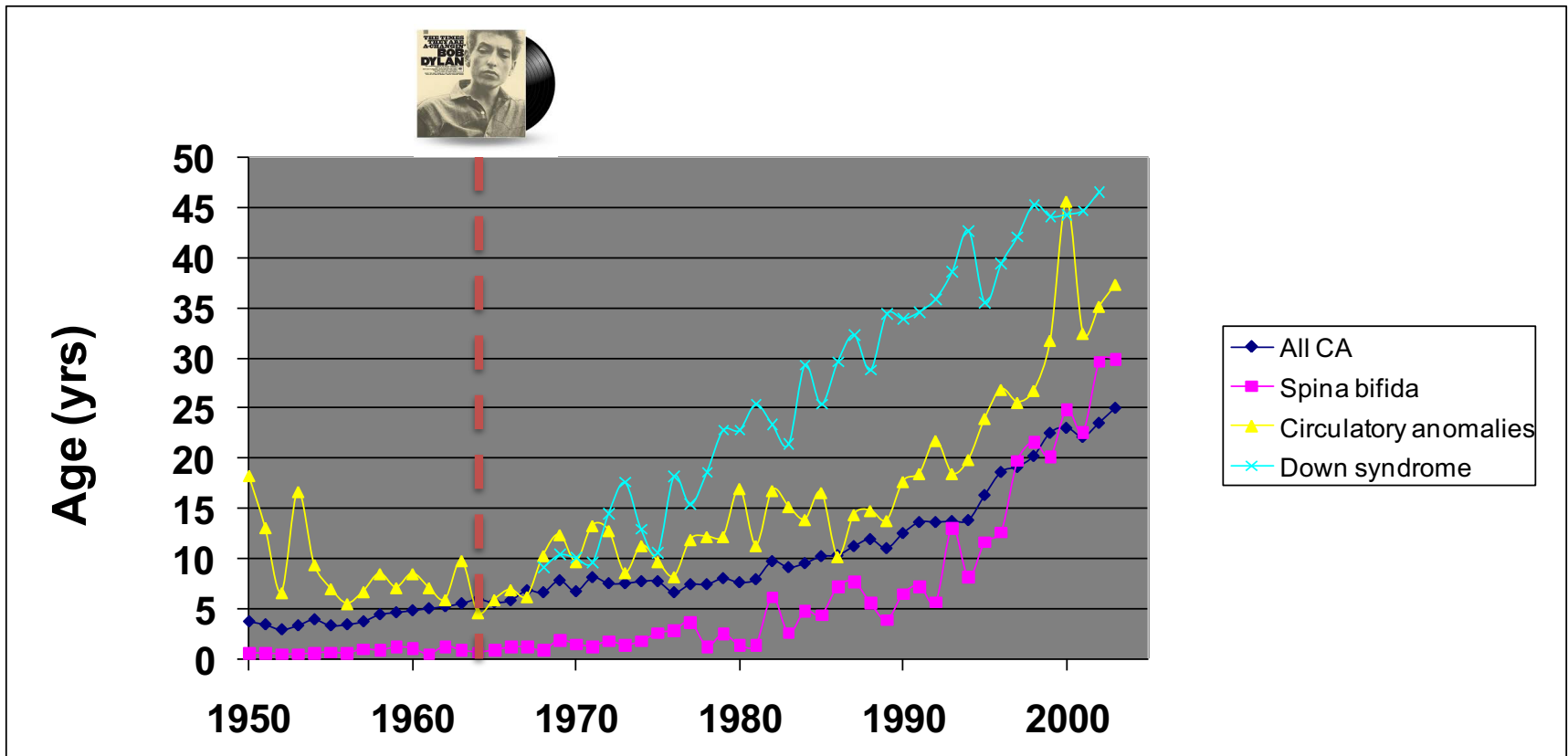
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Celebrates 80th Birthday

Mr. P. S. Gelling, district superintendent, presented 10-year certificates to Mrs. G. W. Gelling and Mrs. Frank Gelling at a family dinner in honor of Mrs. Gelling's 80th birthday.

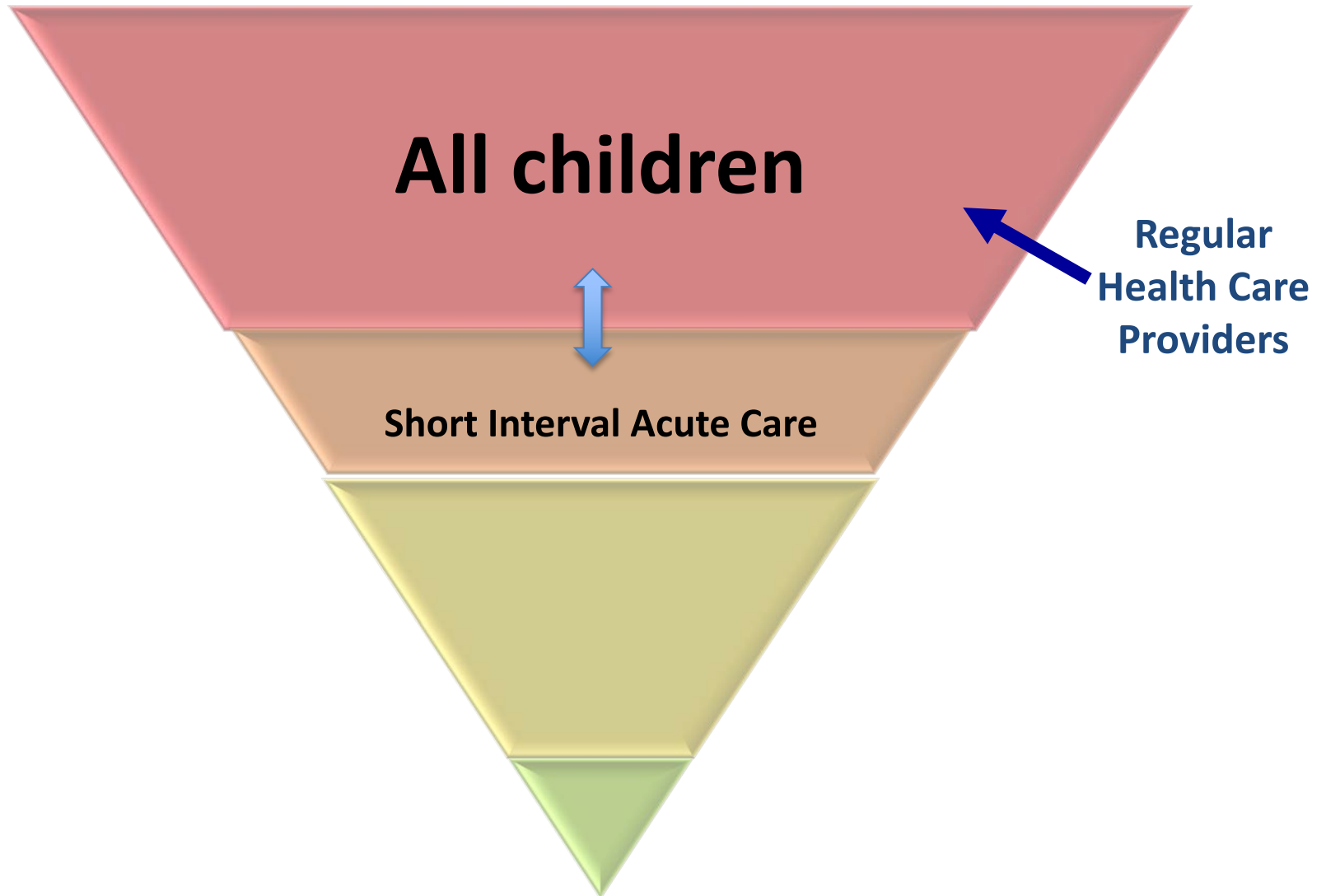
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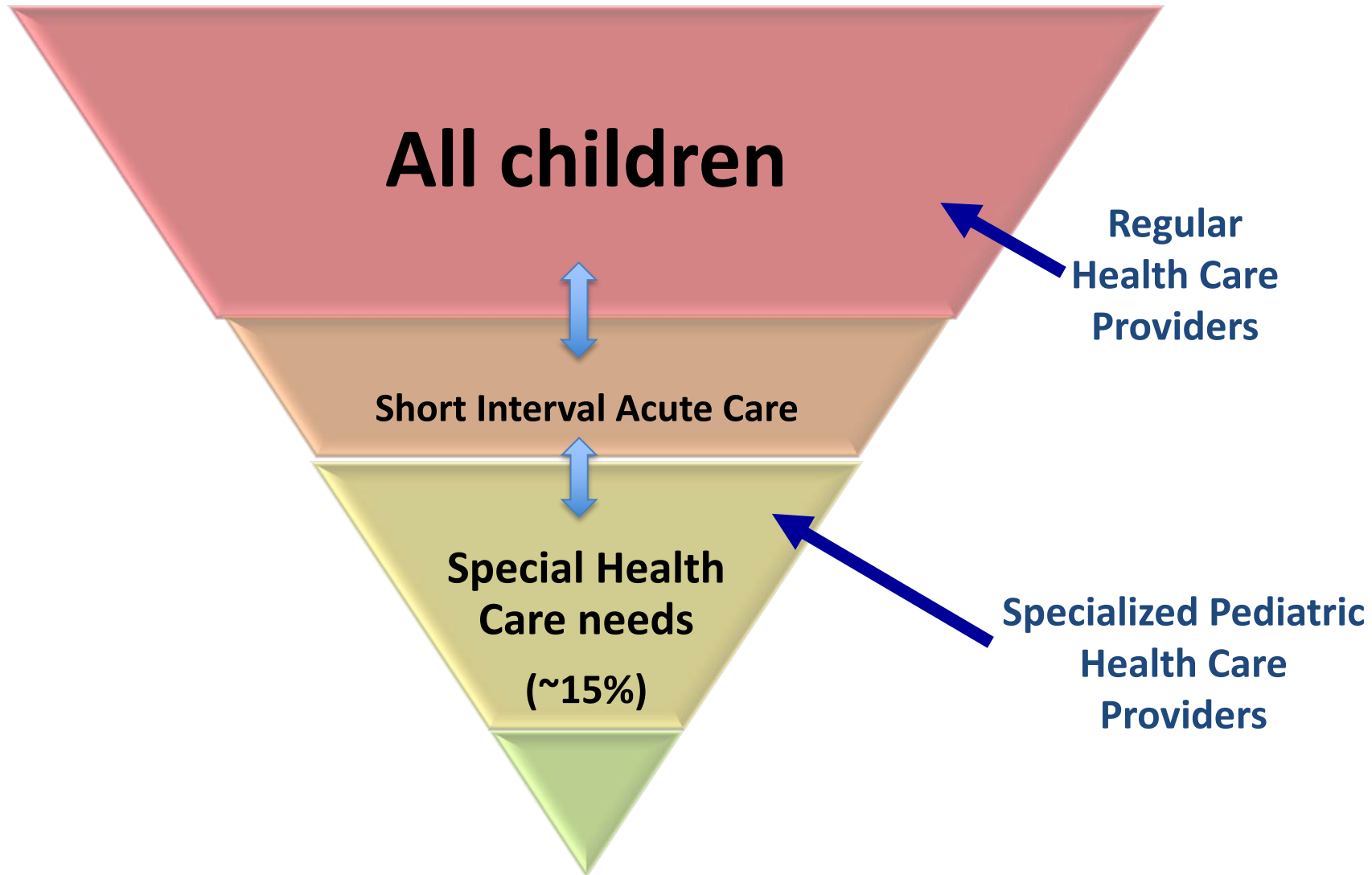
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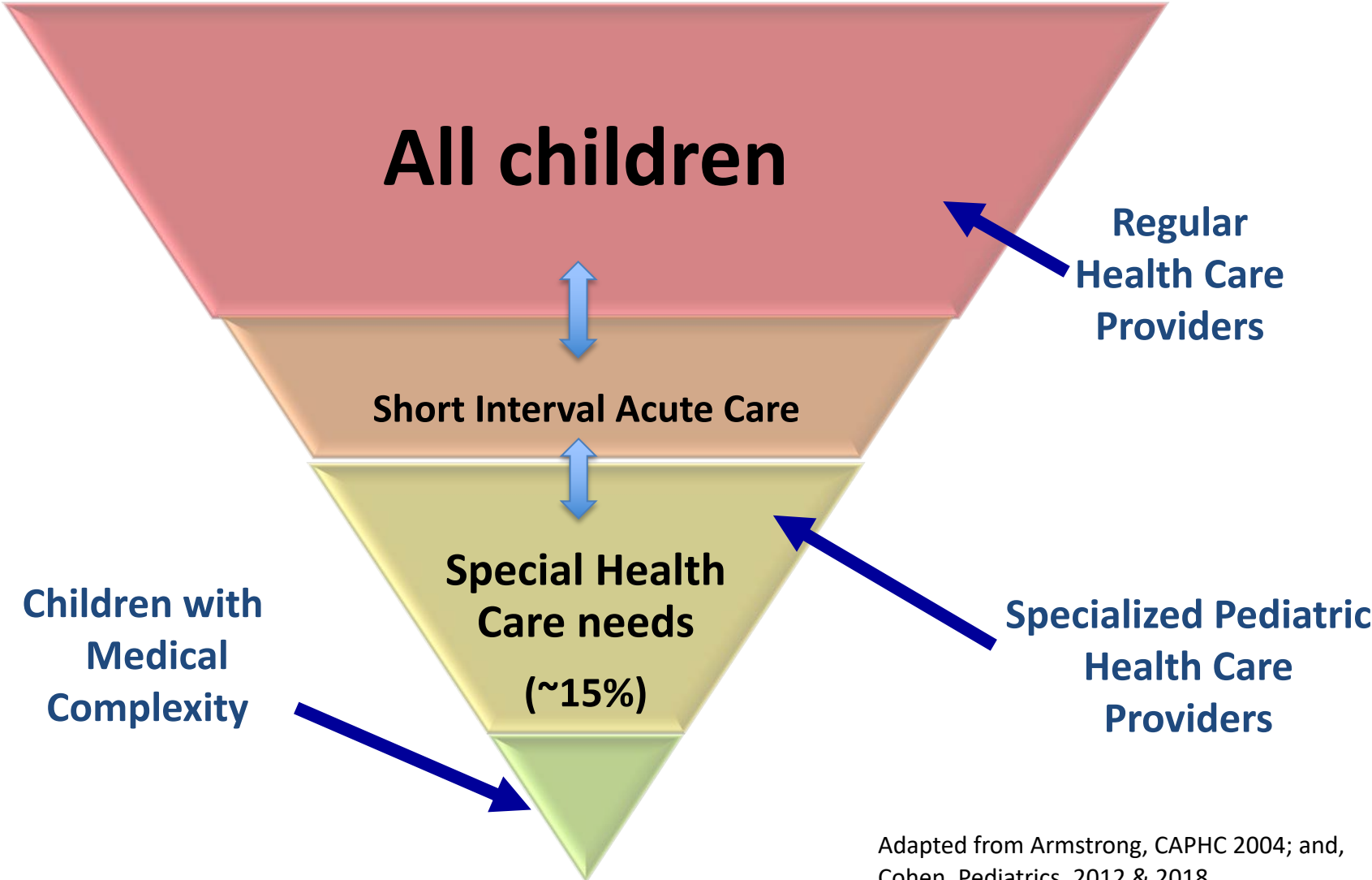
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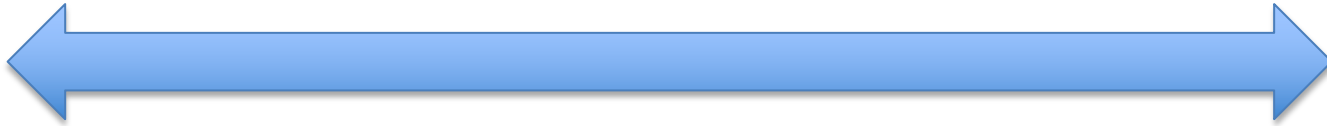


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Adapted from Armstrong, CAPHC 2004; and, Cohen, Pediatrics, 2012 & 2018.

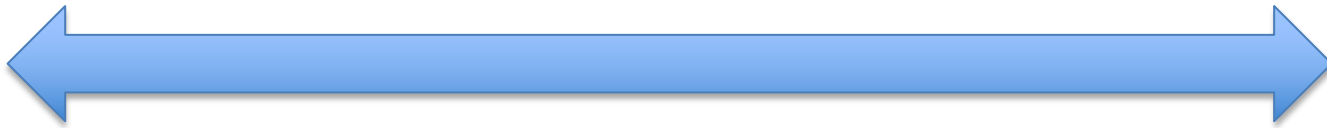
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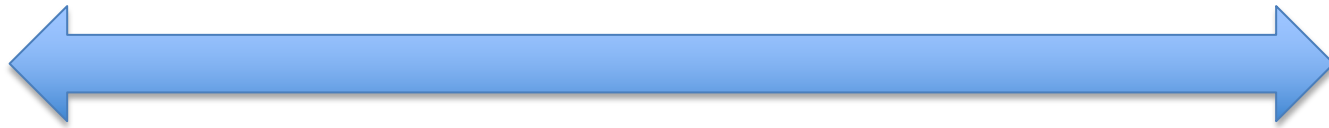


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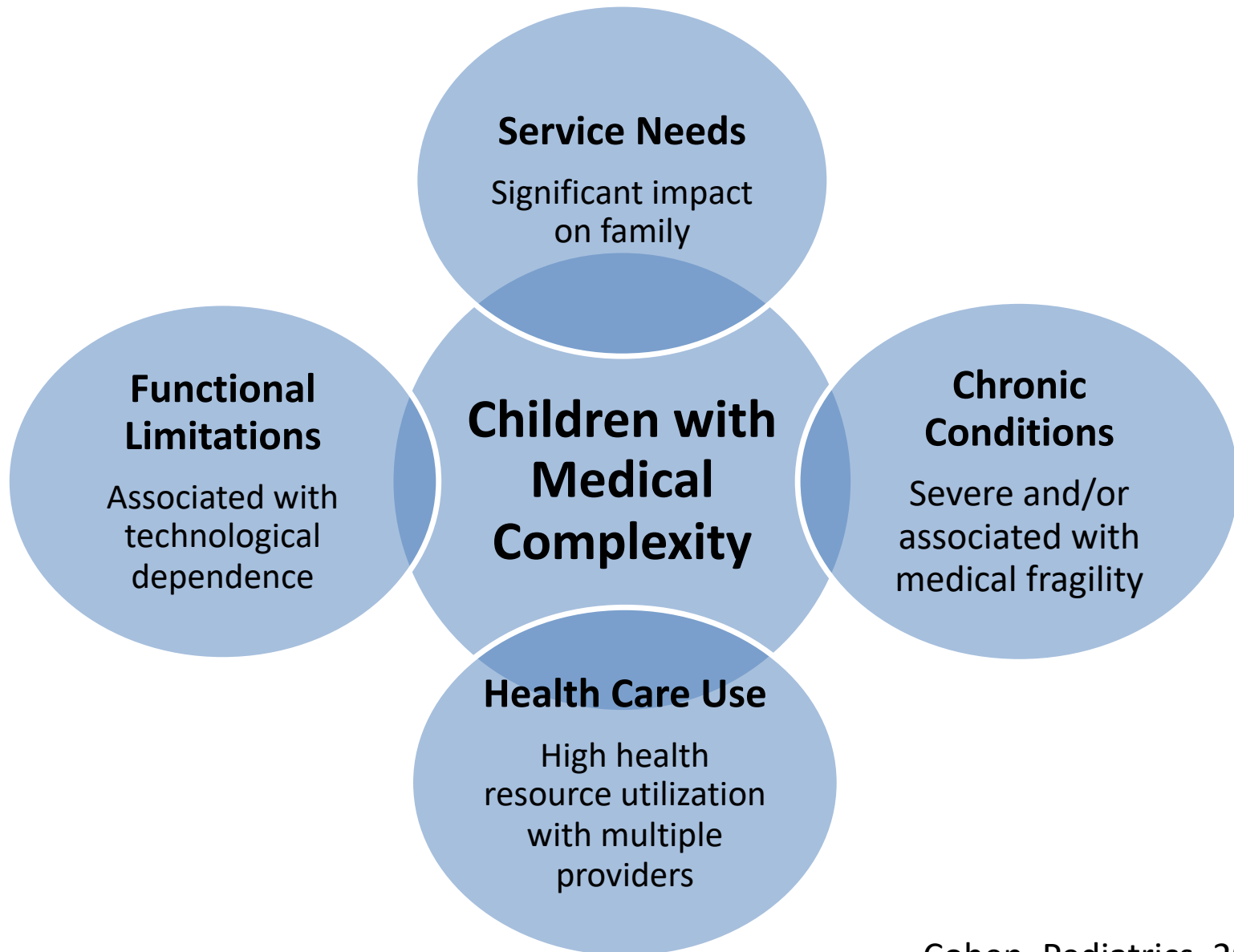
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CMC: A Definitional Framework



Children with Medical Complexity in Ontario

- Total population = **15,771** in Ontario (population 14.5 million)
 - Represented **0.67%** of all children
- Median of:
 - **13** distinct physicians
 - **6** distinct medical specialties
- Accounted for **32.7%** of all child health spending
- Biggest components of care: **hospital care and home care**

Children and youth with medical complexity are the highest users of health care services.

This population's unique needs mean they require more health care compared with other children and youth



2015–2016

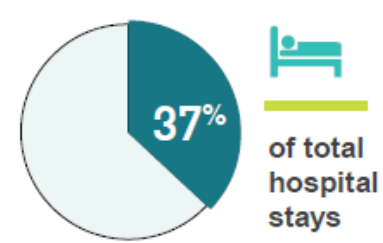
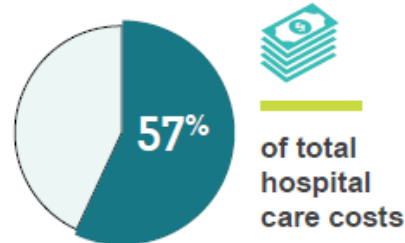
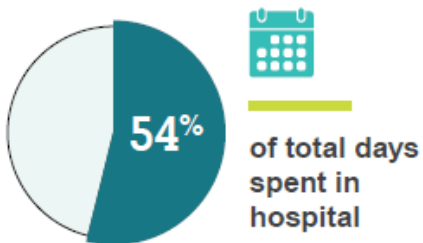
Acute care



Children and youth with medical complexity



Children and youth with other conditions



Sources

Hospital Morbidity Database and National Ambulatory Care Reporting System, 2010–2011 to 2015–2016, Canadian Institute for Health Information.

Other Risks for Children with Medical Complexity

- ❖ More likely to need ICU
(Srivastava, Ped Clin N Am, 2005)
- ❖ More likely to have
“preventable” admissions
(e.g. inadequate care
coordination) (Dosa, Pediatrics,
2001)
- ❖ Hospital readmission
common (Berry, Jama, 2011)
- ❖ Medical error more
common (Slonim, Pediatrics,
2003)

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MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE THAT MATTERS

Chronically ill children The personal and financial strain

RESEARCH

The validity of recommendations
from clinical guidelines

GUIDELINES

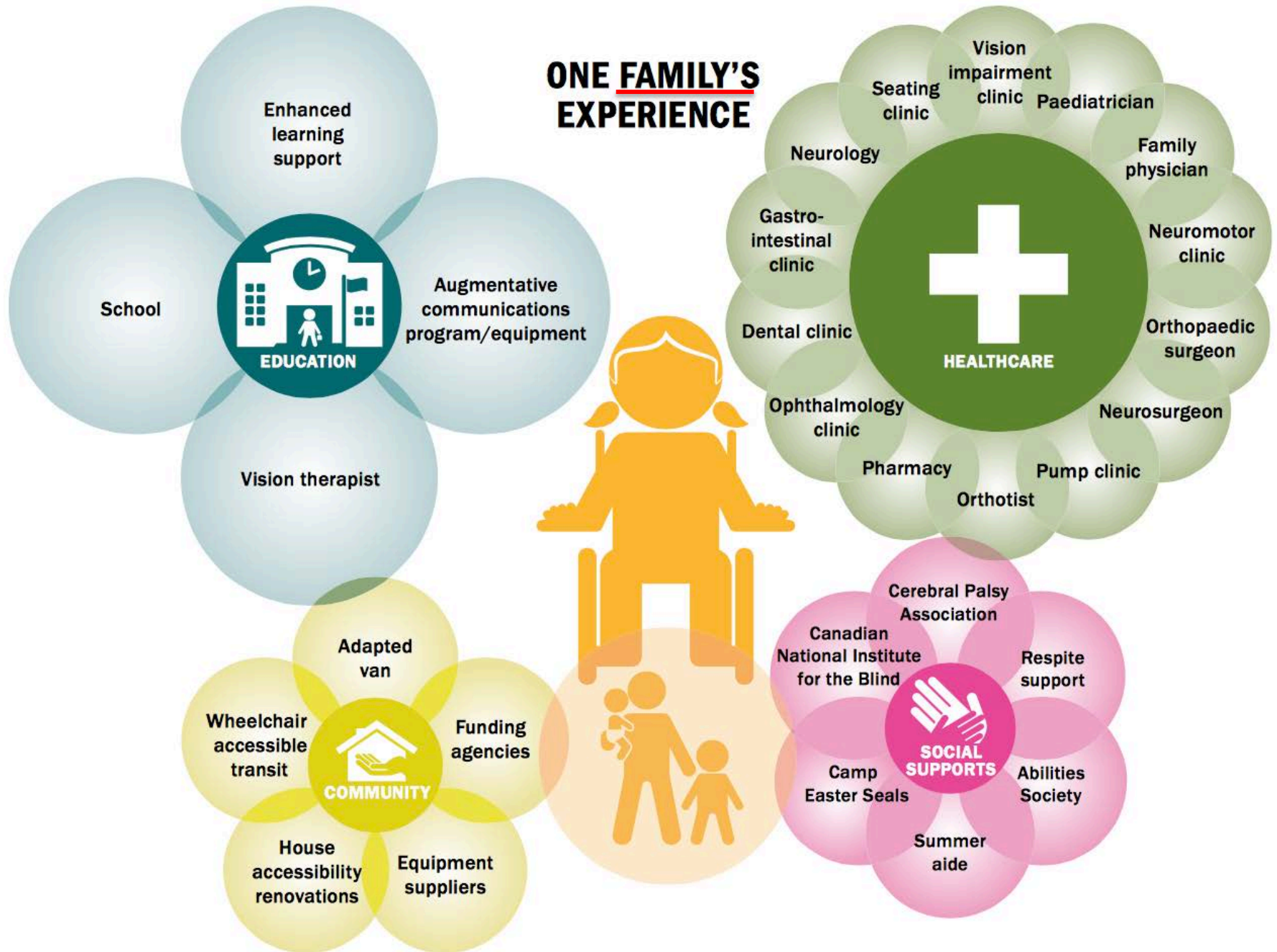
Recommendations on screening
for prostate cancer

PRACTICE

Prednisone and infection risk
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ONE FAMILY'S EXPERIENCE



Sleep

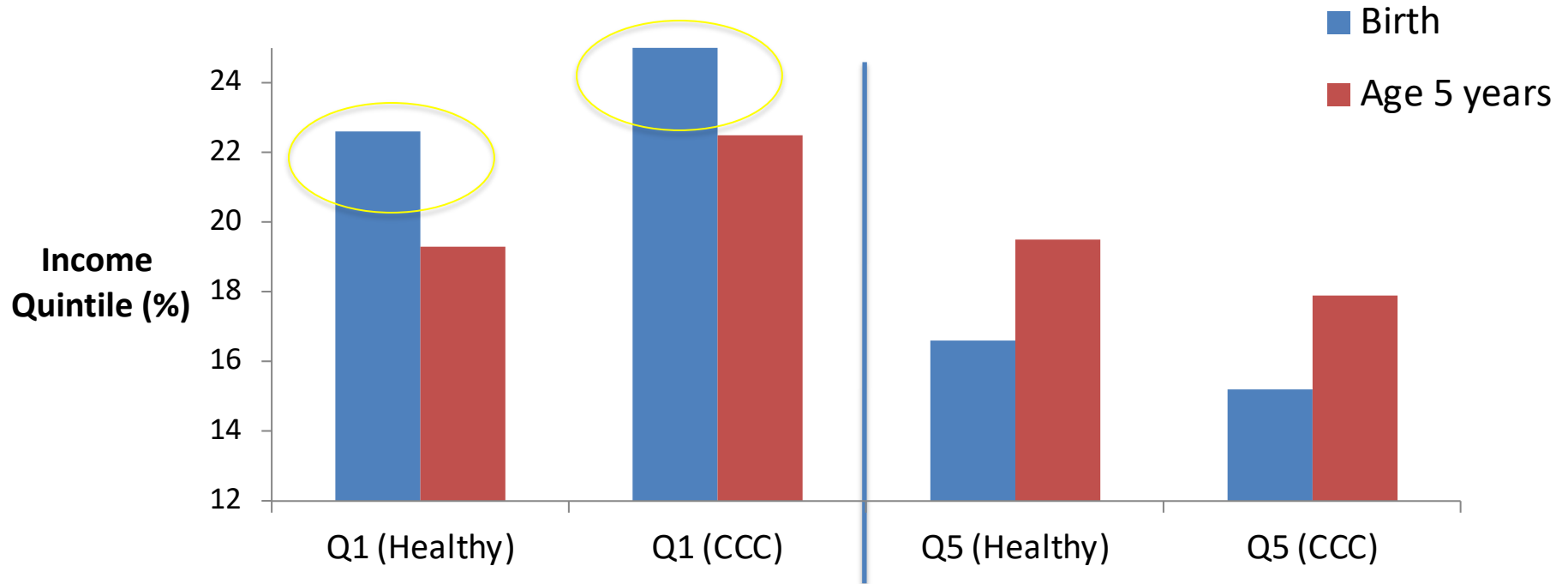
Family Caregivers of Children with Medical Technology vs. Controls

Table 3 Between-group differences on sleep and related outcomes

	FC CMT	FC control	
Sleep outcomes	Mean±SD or count (%)		p Value
Objective measures			
Total sleep time—night (hours)*	6.56±1.4	7.21±0.6	0.019†
Total sleep time—day (hours)*	0.36±0.4	0.15±0.2	0.004†
Longest sleep session—night (hours)*	2.96±1.3	4.21±1.7	0.001
Longest sleep session—day (hours)*	0.24±0.3	0.10±0.1	0.004
Nocturnal awakenings—objective*	8.00±3.9	6.01±3.7	0.014†
Subjective measures			
Sleep quality (PSQI)	7.75±2.9‡	5.45±2.8§	0.001†
Sleep onset latency >30 min¶	68 (23.1)	33 (11.0)	0.001**
Nocturnal awakenings— subjective	2.35±2.0‡	1.42±1.5§	0.005

Family Income

Newborns with Complex Chronic Conditions (CCCs) vs. Healthy Newborns over first 5 years of life



Data from:
Ontario, Canada

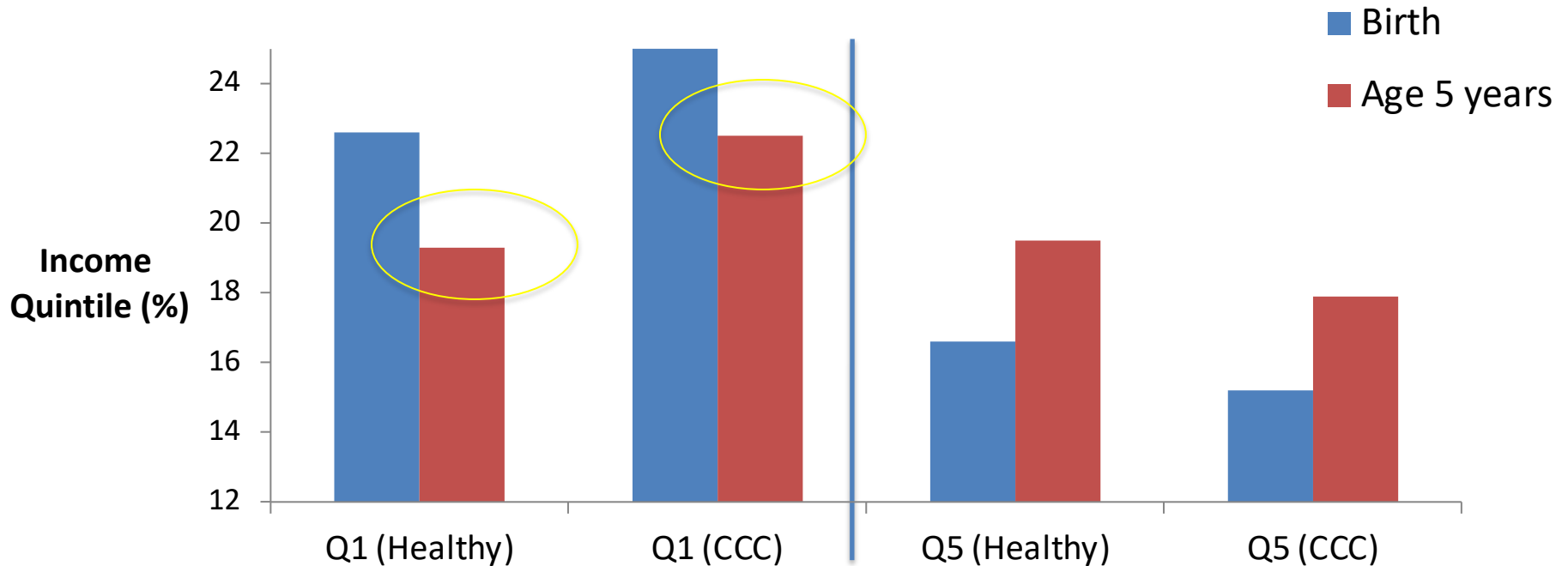
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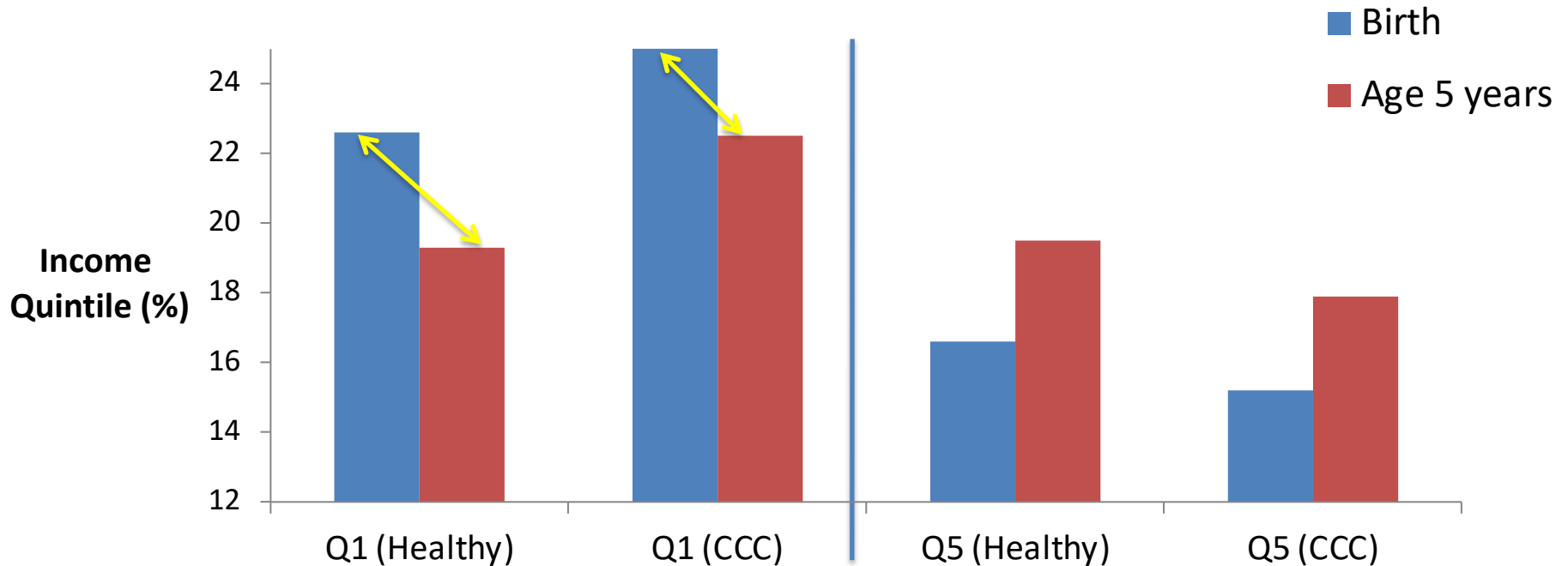
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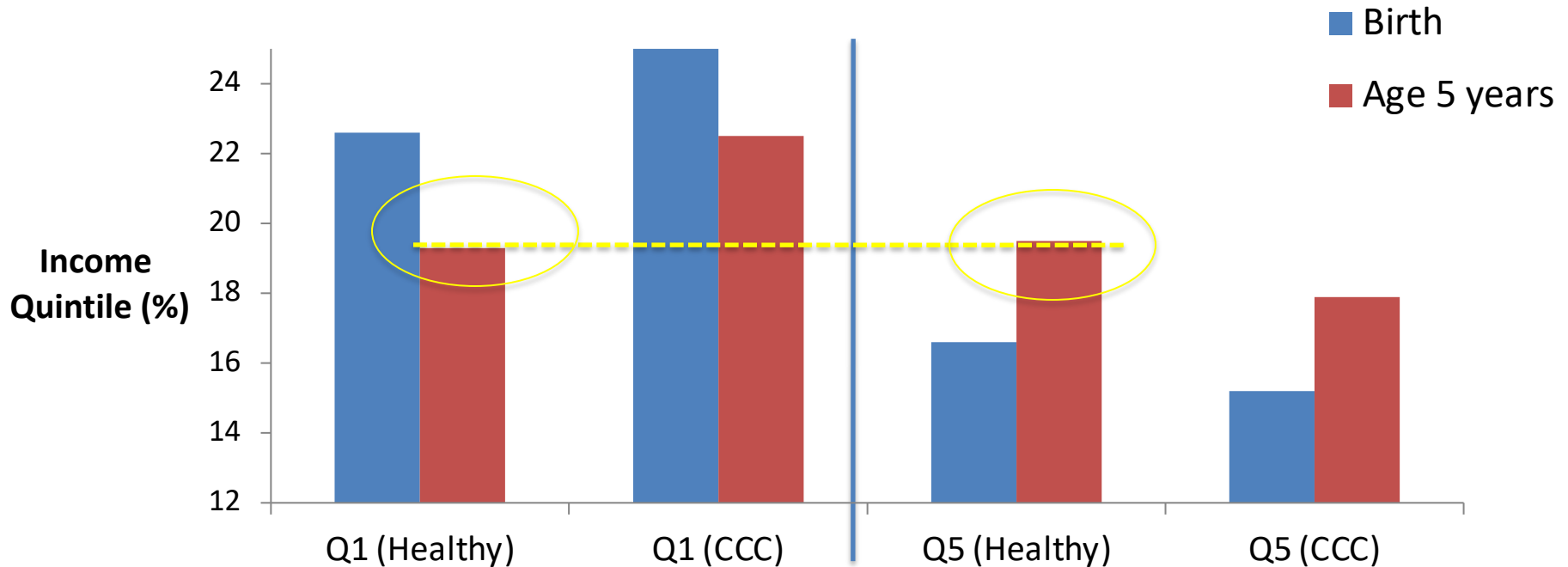
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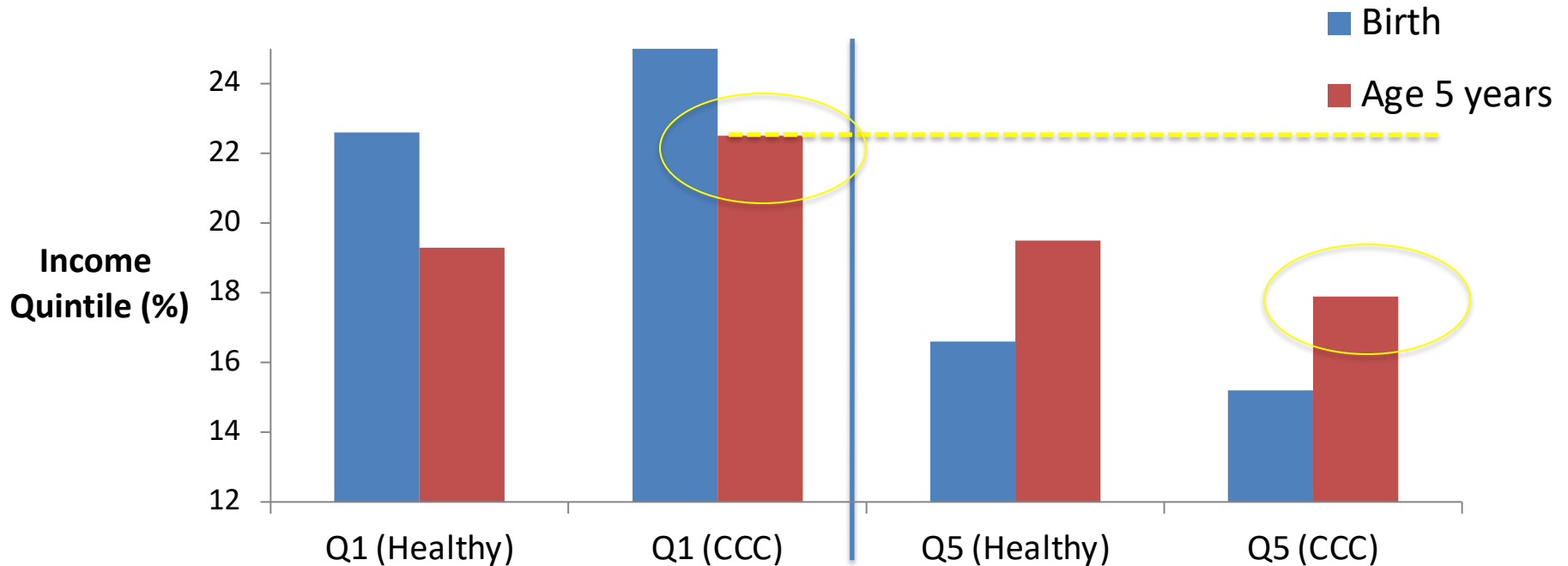
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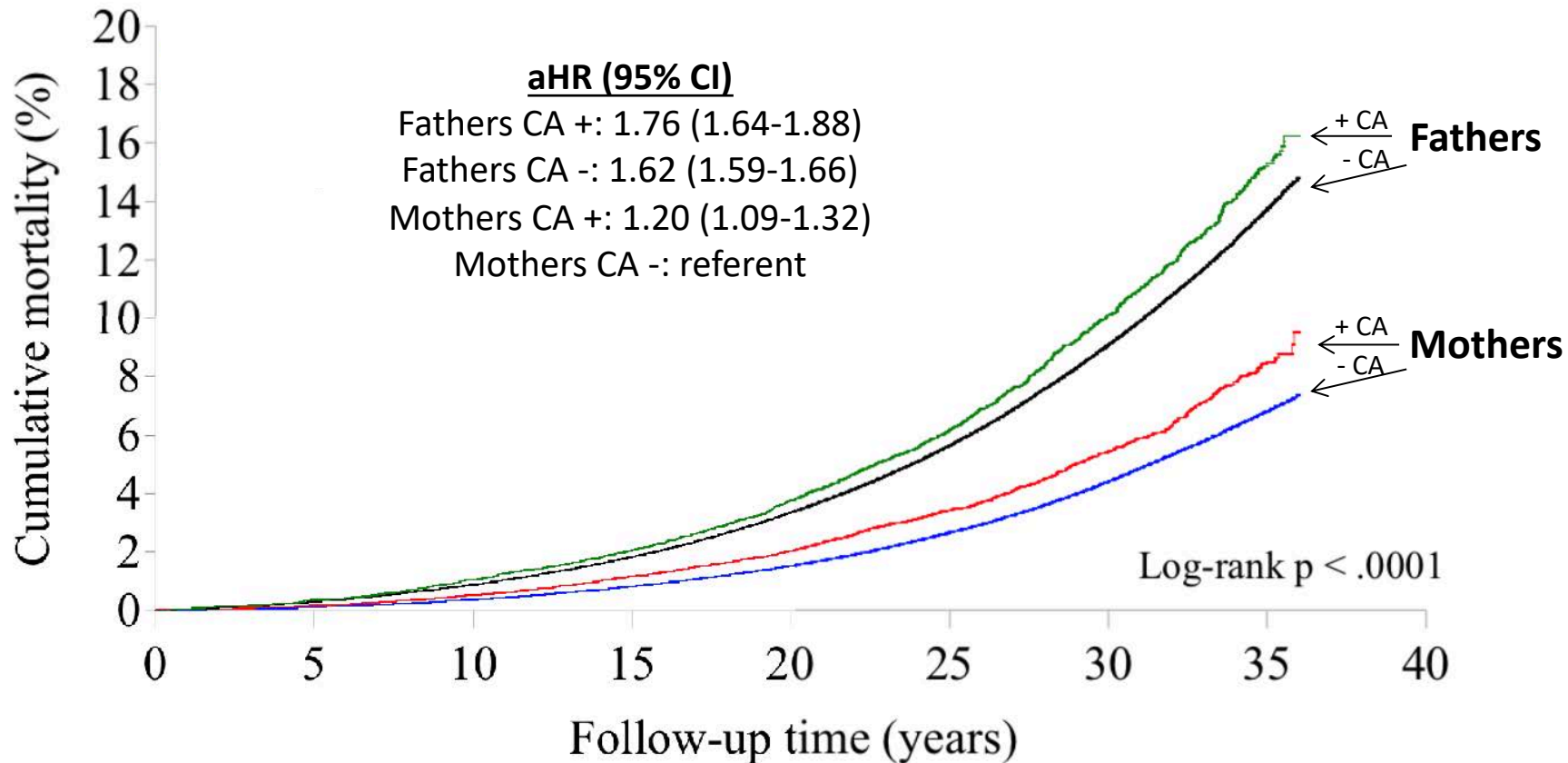
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Mortality (mothers and fathers)

-- + and - child with congenital anomalies (CA)



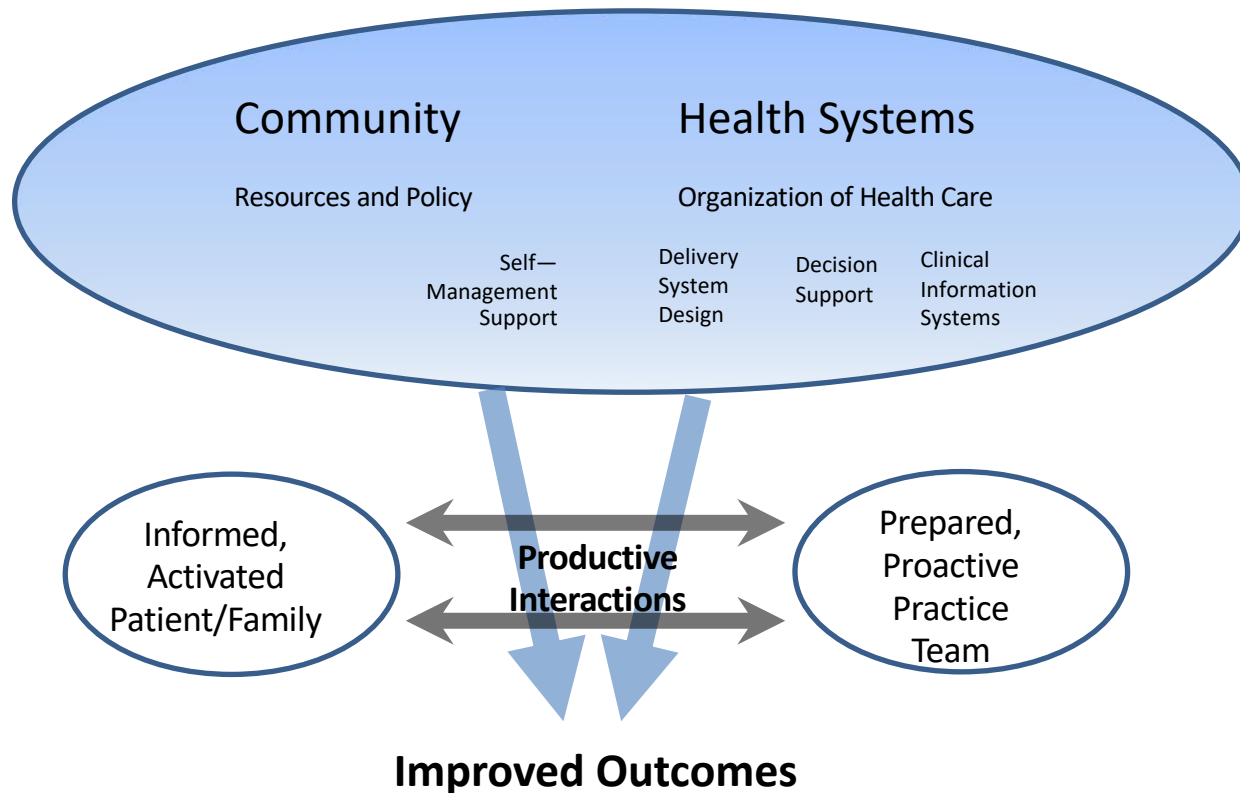
Controlled for matching variables (maternal age, year of delivery, parity) and adjusted for maternal demographics (marital and immigration status), SES (income quartile and education level), previous maternal health, previous spontaneous abortion, pregnancy complications

Fuller, Pediatrics, 2021 (in press)

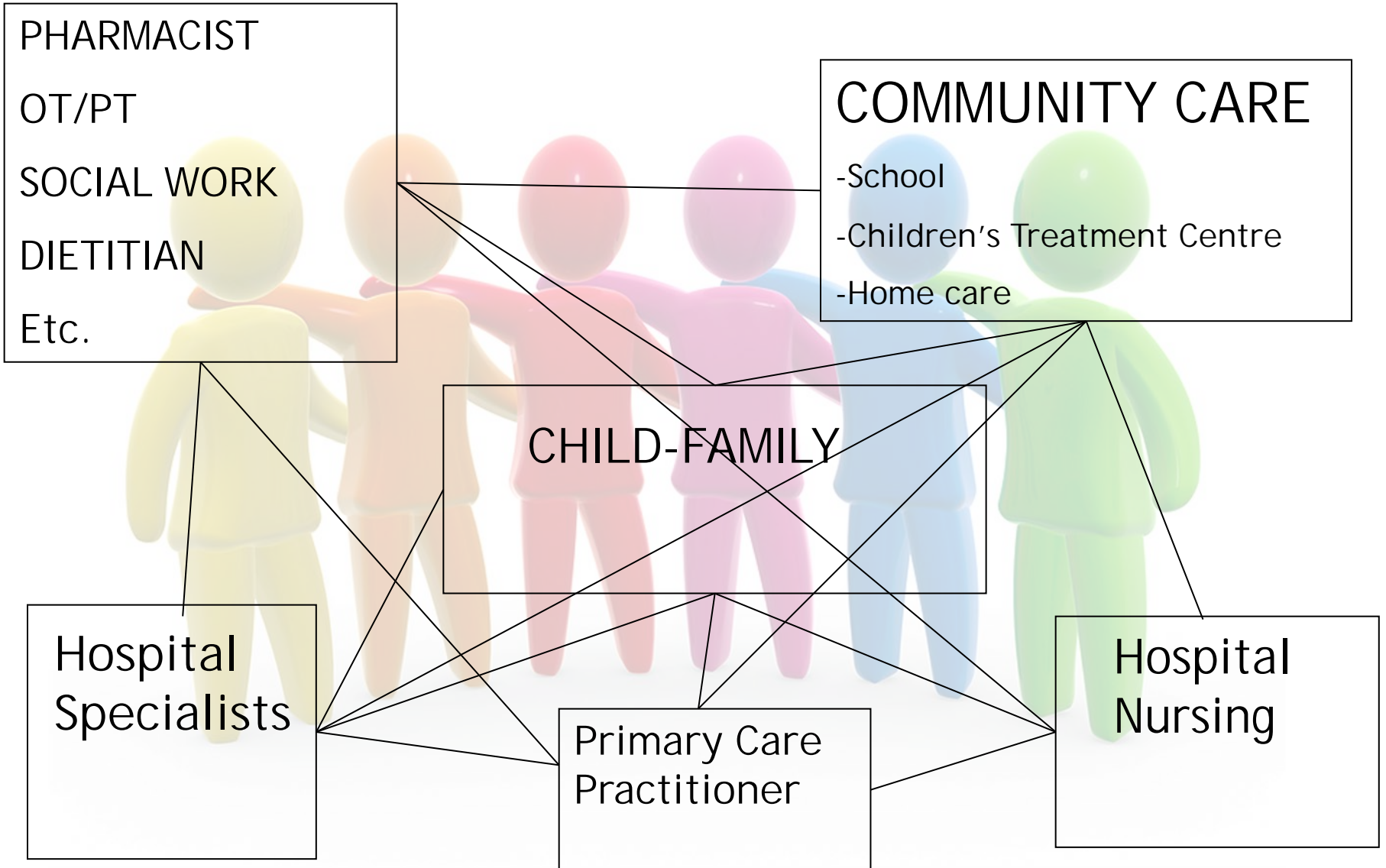
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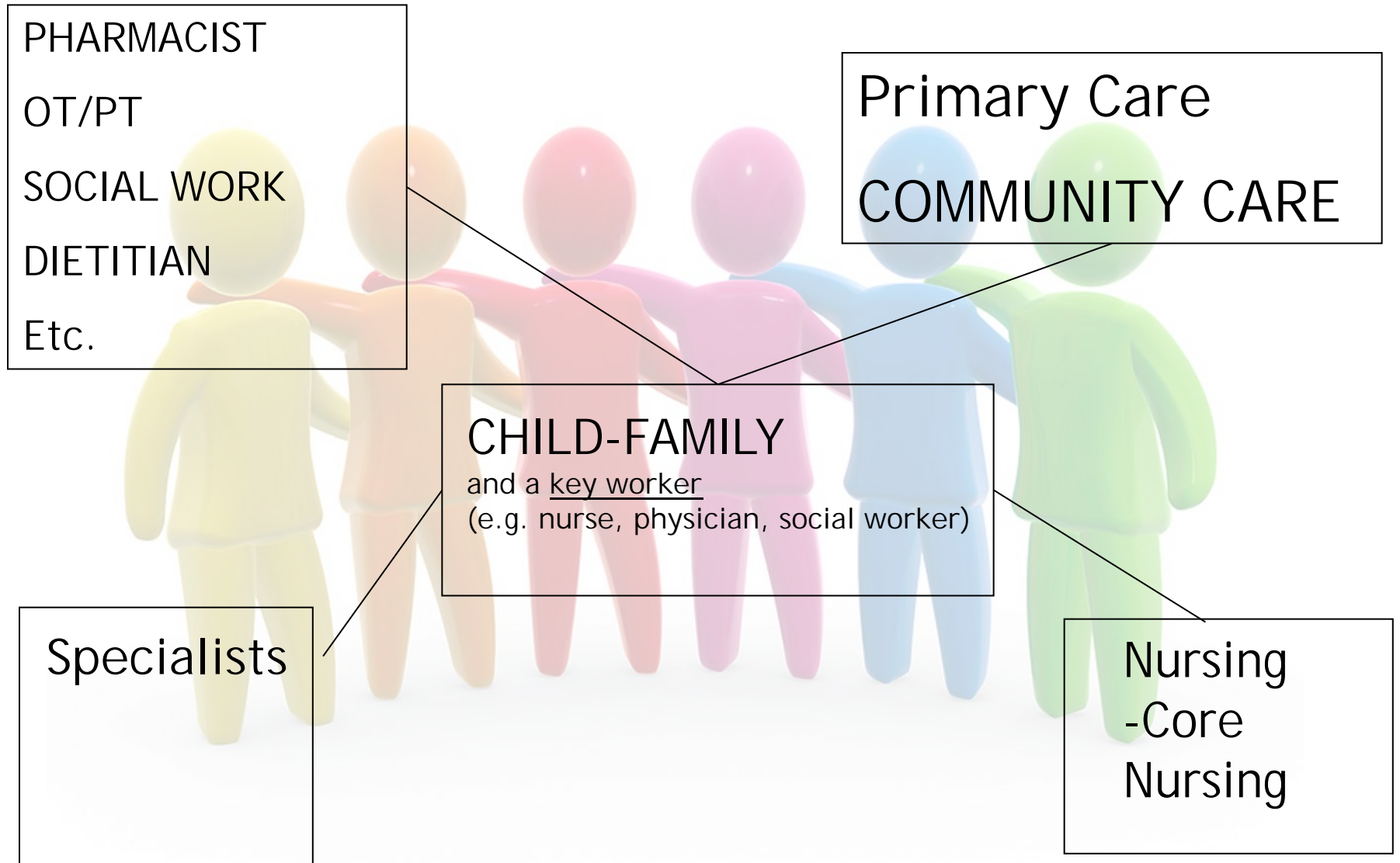
The Chronic Care Model



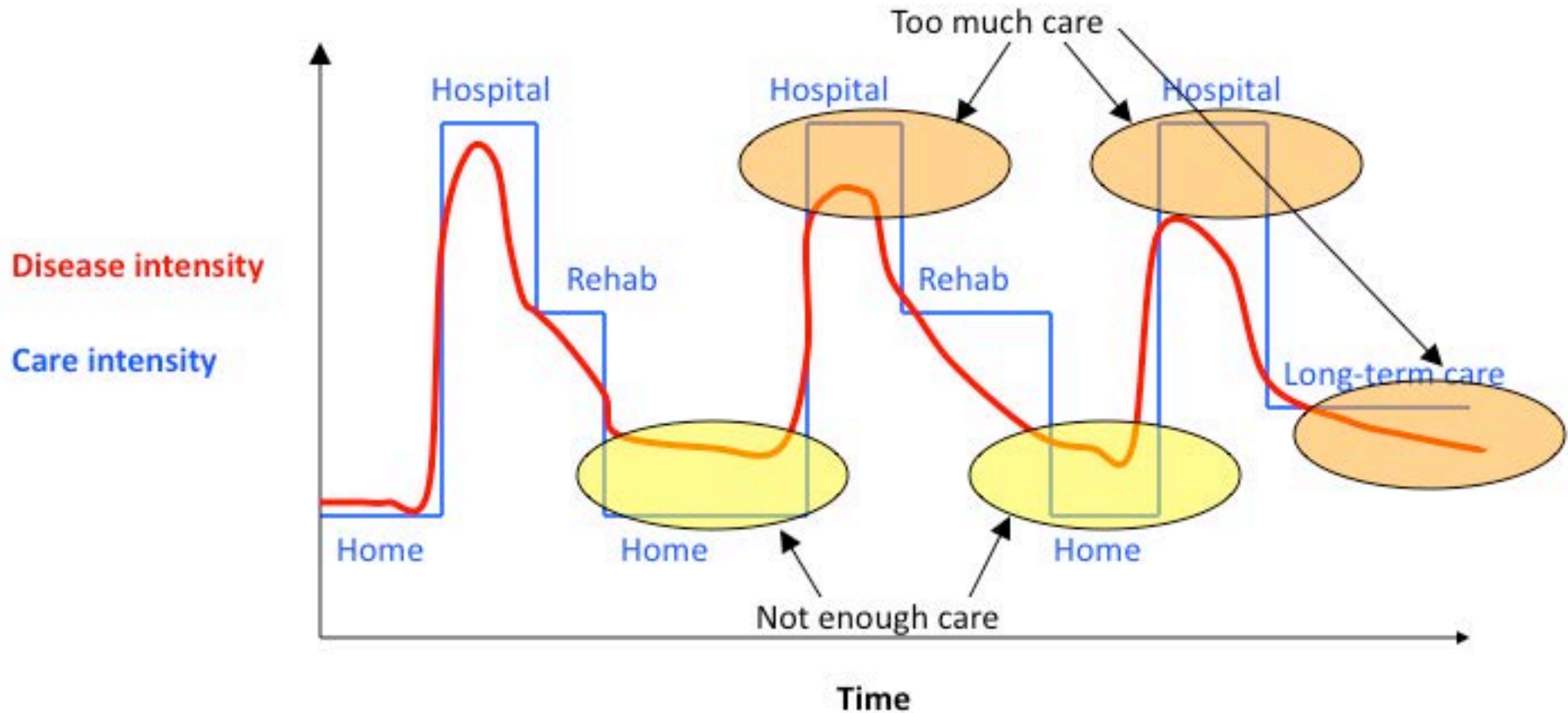
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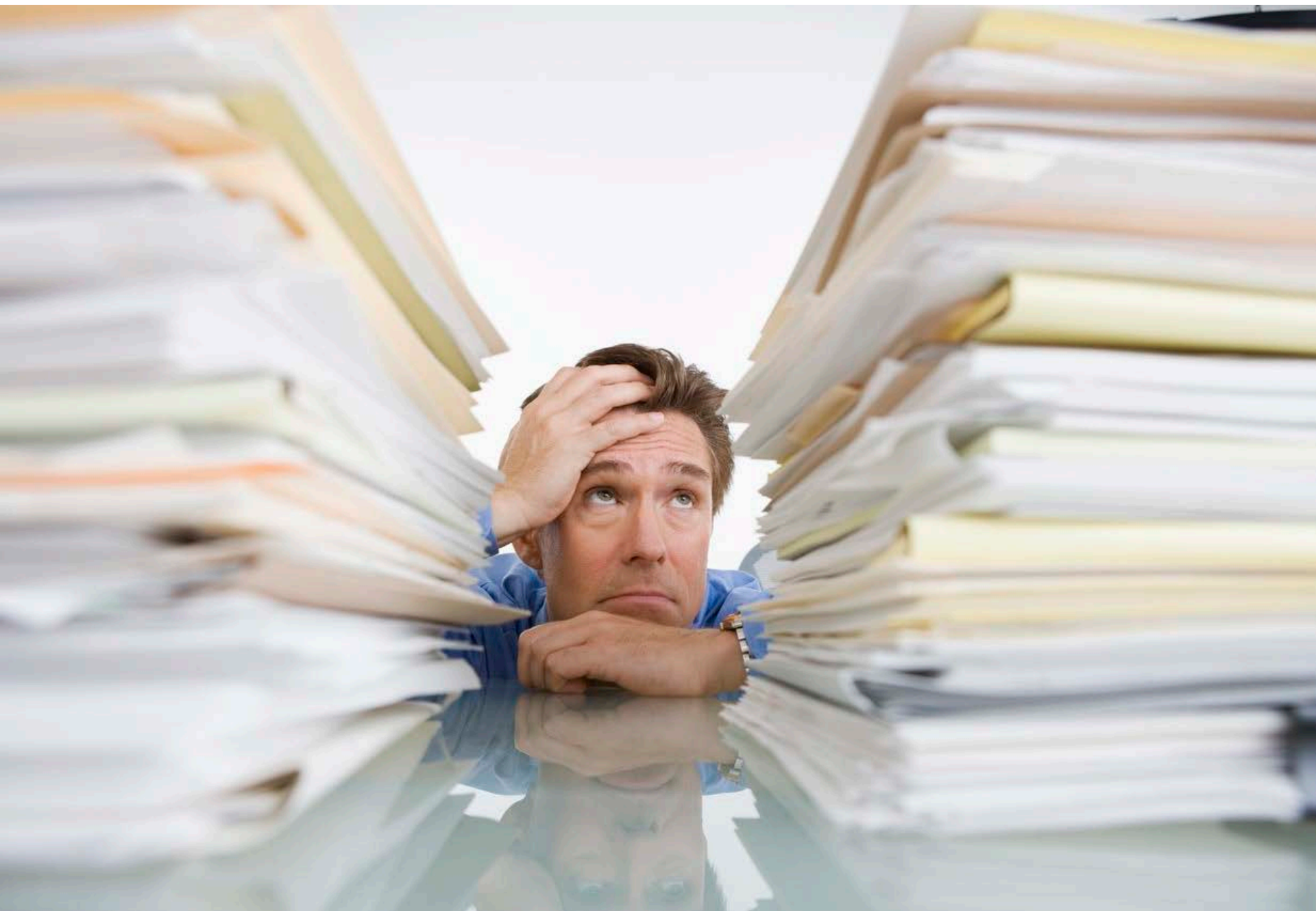


Care and Disease Intensity Discordance



Tools





The 'written' care plan

COMPREHENSIVE CARE PLAN

PATIENT NAME
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME
Address, Telephone numbers, E-mail address
Medical Record Number
DOB
Allergies
Resuscitation Status
Primary Diagnosis
Secondary Diagnoses

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Common presenting signs, symptoms, and diagnoses
An approach for work-up
An approach to treatment
Name and contact information for PNP or PH who best knows patient

Procedural Preparation
List any information that is relevant to preparing the child for a procedure
This may include something as straightforward as an IV start

PATIENT DIAGNOSES

Main Diagnosis and relevant information
List common presentations
List relevant test results

Secondary Diagnosis (list all diagnoses)
List common presentations
List relevant tests results

Medications
Scheduled
PRN
Supplements

Nutrition
Formula, route, frequency, duration, calories for enteral or parenteral feeds

Hospitalizations
Date of Admission – Date of Discharge and main issues during hospitalization

Primary Care Provider & contact information

Hospital Contacts and Specialists Involved
List Names and contact phone/e-mail for all involved
Physicians
Nurse Practitioners
Allied Health professionals (e.g. dietitian, social work)
Sub-Specialists

FIGURE 2: Complex Care Comprehensive Care Plan Template



MOUSE, MICKEYIII
1993-01-10 F 1944549
CLEAVER, WARD
555 UNIVERSITY AVE.
TORONTO ON 416-813-5391
M1G2H3 0215785142

DIAGNOSIS:

Primary

genetic disorder not yet diagnosed
Hypoxic ishchemic Encephalopathy

Other

right amblyopia
chronic otitis media
S/P tonsilectomy and adenoidectomy
chronic lung disease
obstructive sleep apnea and central hypoventilation
Restrictive Cardiomyopathy
Dysmotility (reverse peristalsis)
feeding intolerance
scoliosis



**CARE PLAN:
OVERVIEW**

Mickey is girl who loves to go for rides in her motorized wheelchair and watch Harry Potter movies. She loves attention from her older bother and younger sister. She likes holding her cat (muffin) and listening to "Cold Play" on her iPod. She is allergic to penicillin. Resusitation status: NO CPR

Common Presenting Problems/Findings with Specific Suggested Managements

PROBLEM	SUGGESTED DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES	THERAPEUTIC RECOMMENDATIONS
anxiety	talk to patient in even tone of voice	talk to patient quietly - often - as required
fever over 37	take temperature	tepid sponge baths as required

MEDICATIONS: (2012-07-12)
 BUDESONIDE 250MCG - 1 puffs AERO Daily (by aerochamber Daily)
 DOMPERIDONE - 5 mg GT TID (by G tube three times daily)
 OMEPRAZOLE - 20 mg GT BID (by G tube two times daily)
 VENTOLIN - 2 puffs AERO Q4H PRN (by aerochamber every 4 hours as required)

Adams, *BMC Pediatrics*
2013; Adams, *DMCN*, 2017



Examples from Alberta we heard about today!

- **ACH Neurodevelopmental Disorders (NDD) project**
 - * Promising outcomes; meaningful to stakeholders!
- **COAST (Community Outreach and Assessment Team)**
 - * Cross-ministerial collaboration!
- **First Nations Health Consortium**
 - * Substantive equality

Innovations can be hard to spread

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EDITORIAL

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A country of perpetual pilot projects

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Canadian health policy – “narrow but deep” – a barrier to integration



- Federal role (with exceptions) largely advisory
- Canada Health Act: hospitals and doctors
- Mishmash of coverage of:
 - dental care, drugs, developmental services, home care, school-based services, respite, coordination

Provincial Initiatives - Complex Care



Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-term Care

- **Mission:**

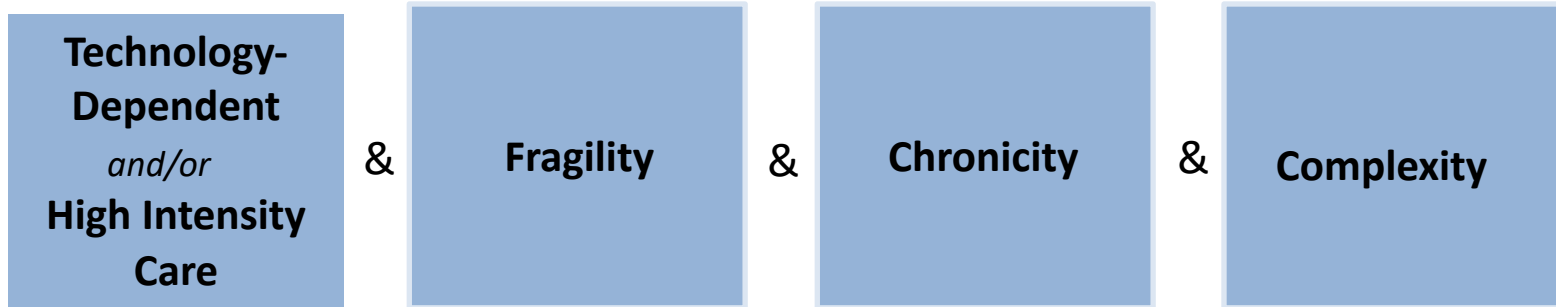
- * Province-wide access to integrated care and coordination for children/youth who persistently demonstrate the most complex medical care needs

- **Strategic Outcomes:**

- ✓ Improved child/youth & family experience & outcomes
 - ✓ Improved collaboration and communication between providers
 - ✓ Improved system efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability
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Inclusion criteria

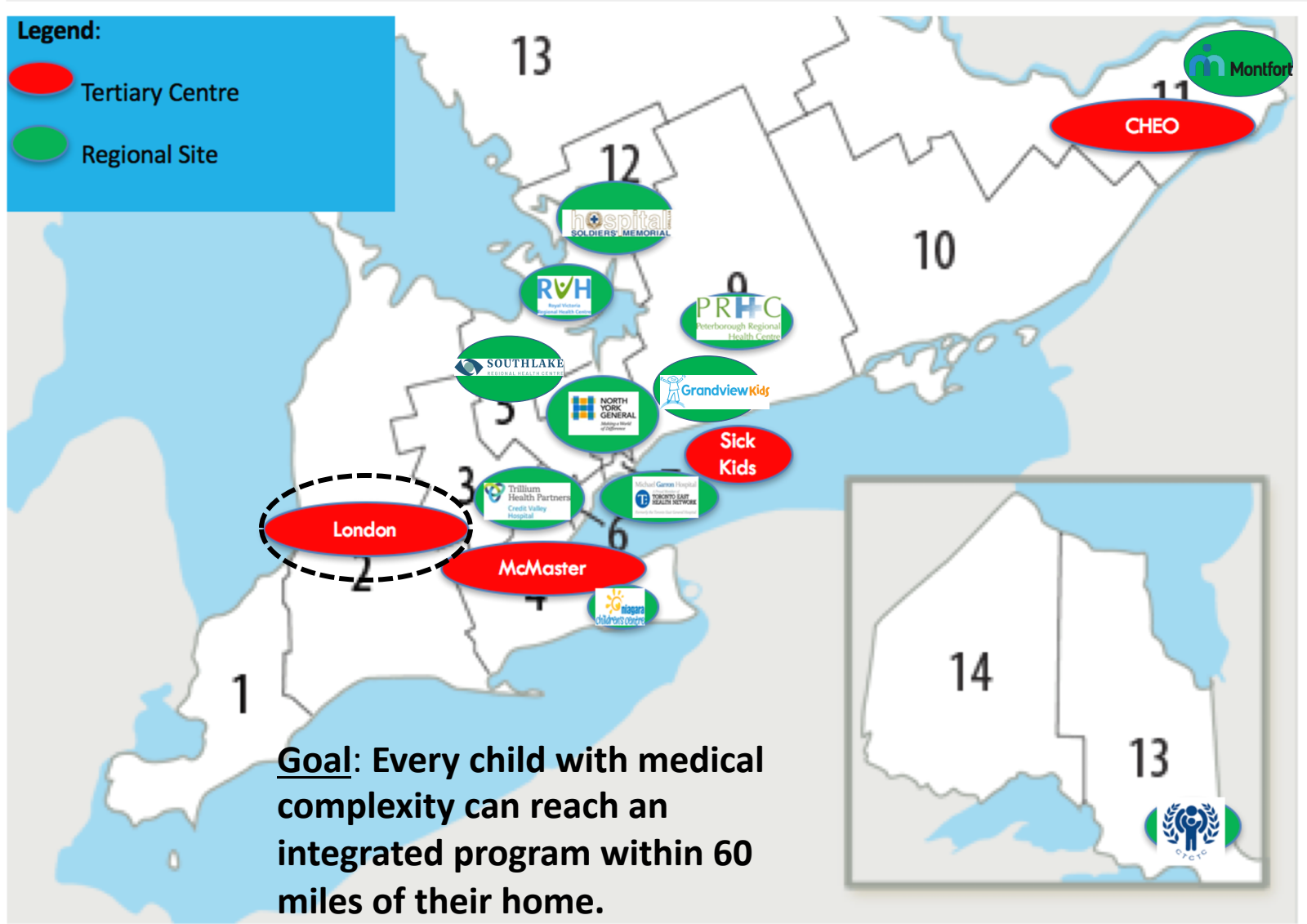
At least one criterion from each of the following categories:



Ontario sites

Legend:

-  Tertiary Centre
-  Regional Site



ECHO sessions include:



Didactic Presentations

Quick 10—15 minute presentation on topics selected using comprehensive needs-assessments and feedback from participants.



Q&A Period

An opportunity to ask questions and share additional knowledge.



Case-based Learning

Case discussions among an interprofessional health network garnering multi-modal treatments and recommendations for healthcare providers to consider.

Join virtual and accredited*
community of practice



**Paediatric Project ECHO is a self-approved group learning activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.*



Parent Well-Being





CHILD-BRIGHT Network



IWK Health



CIHR IRSC
Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada



CHILD-BRIGHT Network



LIFE BEYOND TRAUMA

Elisa Kaltenbach (project coordinator)

Donna Thomson (parent partner)

Patrick McGrath (principal investigator)

How Do We Measure Success?

SERVICE DELIVERY
(Primary Outcome)



Coordination of Care Among Providers

Coordination of Care Between Providers and Family

Quality and Effectiveness of Care Planning Tools

GENERAL HEALTH & QUALITY OF LIFE

(Secondary Outcomes)

SPECIFIC HEALTH & HEALTH IMPACT

(Secondary Outcomes)



CHILD

Quality of Life

Emotional Well-being

Physical Pain

Feeding and Swallowing Performance

Access and Satisfaction to Medical Technology and Assistive Devices



PARENT

Quality of Life

General Health
(Physical & Emotional)

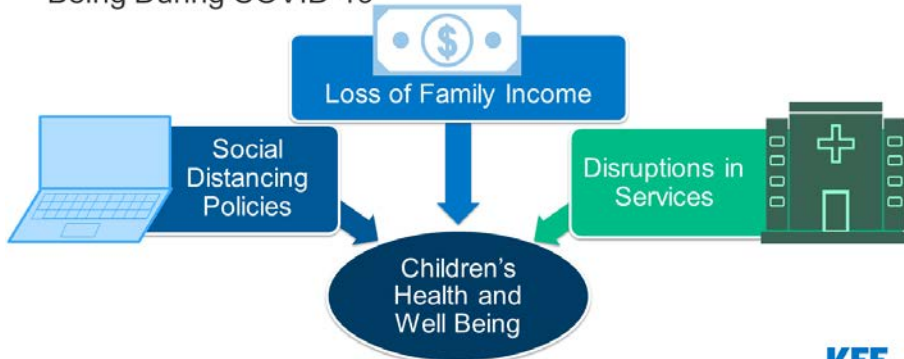
Energy

Fatigue

Out of Pocket Expenses/
Impact on Work

Figure 1

Factors Negatively Impacting Children's Health and Well-Being During COVID-19



SOURCE: Rachel Garfield and Priya Chidambaram, Children's Health and Well Being During the Coronavirus Pandemic (KFF, September 2020)

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Reflections on caring for children with medical complexity during COVID-19

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Topic(s): [COVID-19](#)



By Dr. Catherine Diskin, Dr. Eyal Cohen, and Dr. Julia Orkin

The direct effects of COVID-19 on children have to date been minimal. The indirect consequences for children with medical complexity (CMC) have been significant, including [changes to health care delivery](#) to [challenges providing care at home](#), [concerns about caregiver illness](#), [home care providers](#), and [limited access to medication and supplies](#).



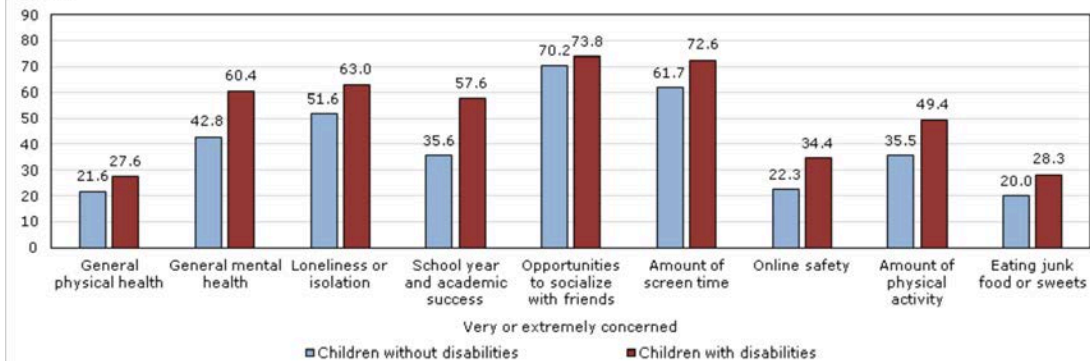
Left Out: Children and youth with special needs in the pandemic

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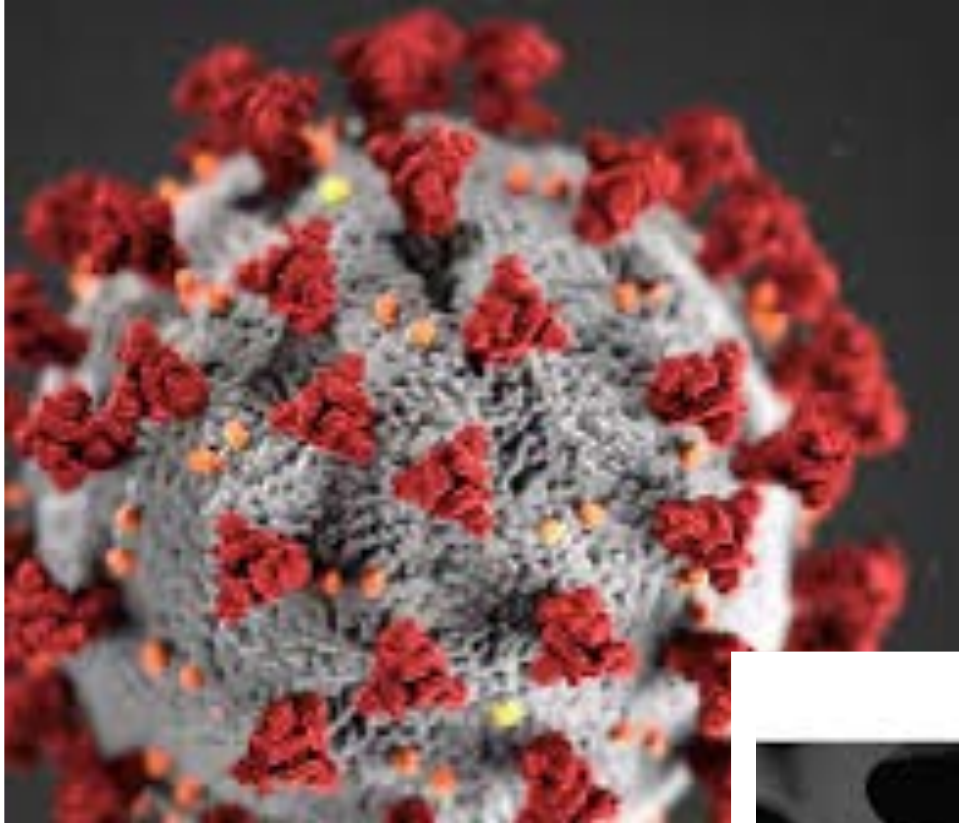
Crowdsourcing participants' concerns for their children aged 0 to 14 years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, by presence of children with disabilities at home

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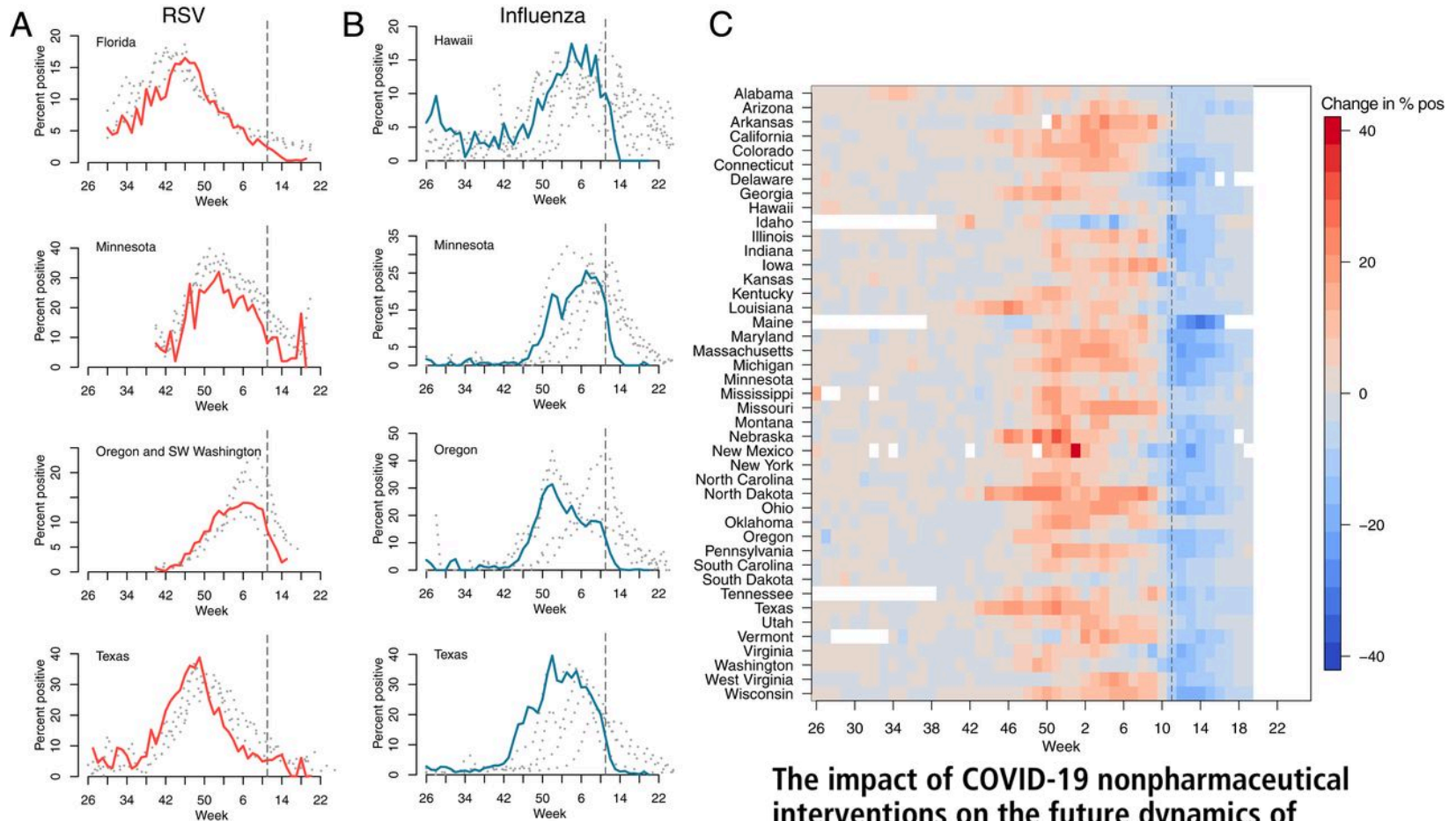


Notes: Percent calculations exclude both "not applicable" and "not stated" responses. The pattern of results was similar when "not applicable" responses were included.

Source: Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadians - Parenting During the Pandemic: Data Collection Series (5323).



Nonpharmaceutical Interventions and Influenza/RSV

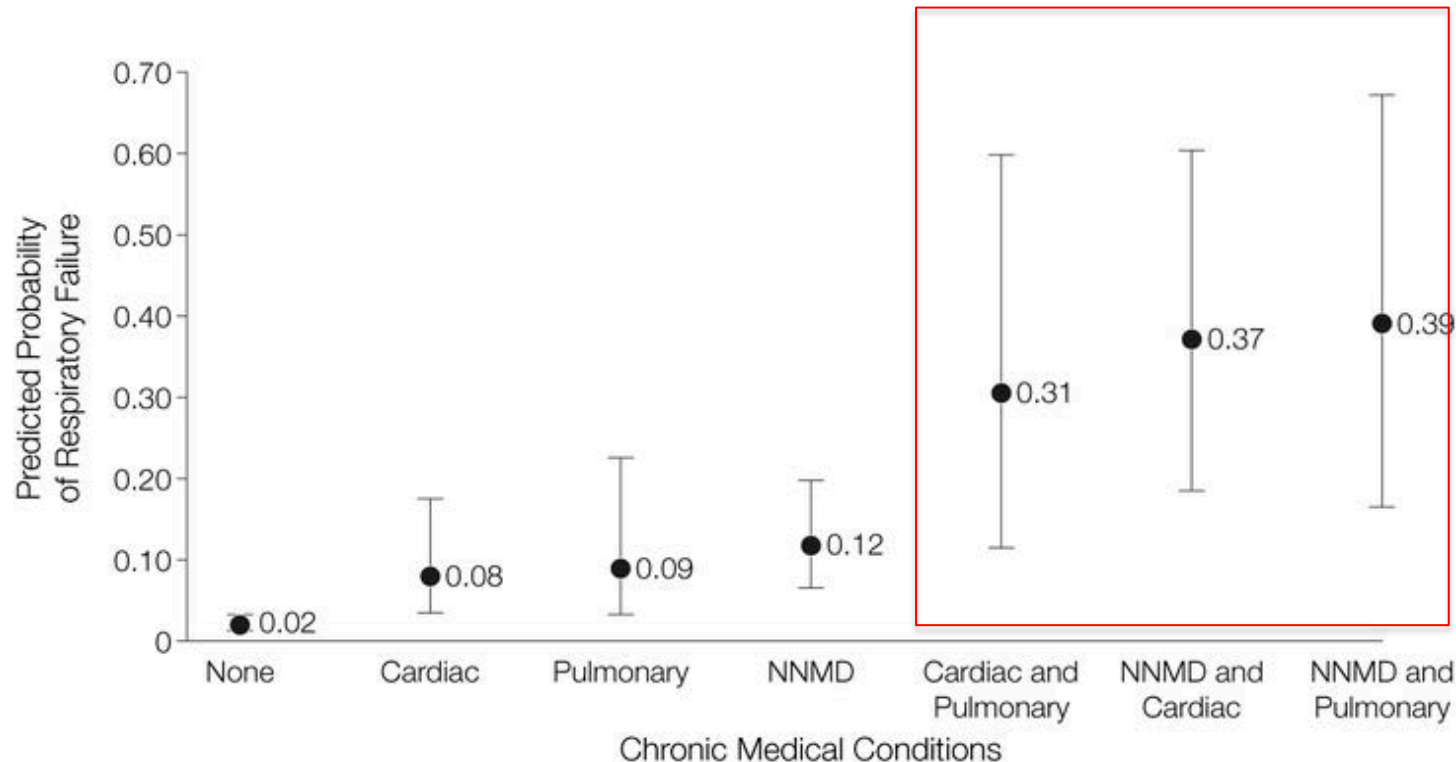


The impact of COVID-19 nonpharmaceutical interventions on the future dynamics of endemic infections

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Influenza Risk for Children with Medical Complexity



NNMD indicates neurological and neuromuscular disease. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.

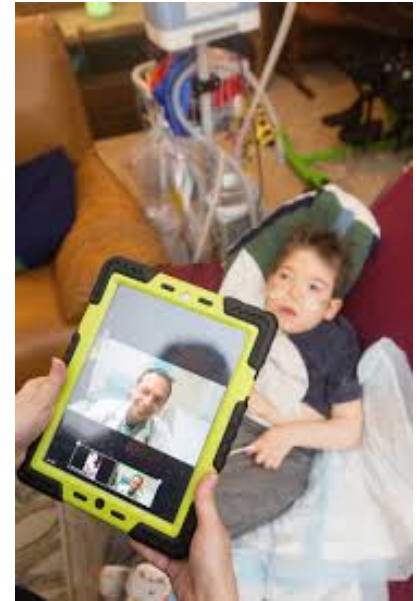
Neurological and Neuromuscular Disease as a Risk Factor for Respiratory Failure in Children Hospitalized With Influenza Infection

Ron Keren, MD, MPH; Theoklis E. Zaoutis, MD, MSCE; Carolyn B. Bridges, MD, et al

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Virtual Care



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