

A Family-Centered Research Agenda for Supporting Caregivers of Children with Special Health Care Needs

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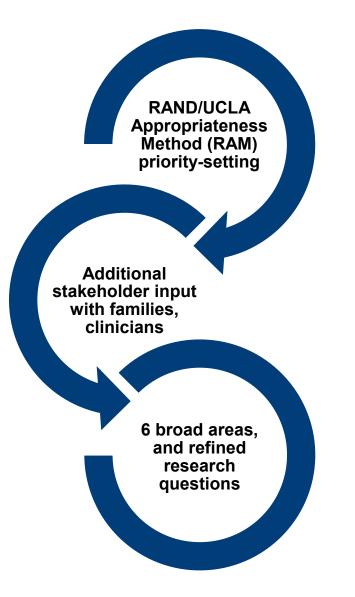
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We look forward to a lively discussion with our audience. Submit your questions through the Q&A.

National Health Systems Research Agenda for CYSHCN

- Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs National Research Network (CYSHCNet) 5-year Cooperative Agreement with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration
- Rationale for a Research Agenda:
 - CYSHCN are a prevalent and growing population
 - Outcomes are static, despite:
 - $_{\odot}$ Well-articulated Core Outcomes (MCHB) and System Standards
 - $_{\odot}\,$ Substantial research with CYSHCN
- **Aspiration** of the Research Agenda:
 - Better integrate and prioritize family priorities
 - Focus efforts of investigators and stakeholders to drive outcome improvements

Development of a National Research Agenda



Health System Research Priorities for Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs

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BURETWIS: In this study, we sought to establish priorities for a national research agenda for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) through a structured, multistakeholder, mixedmethods approach.

MITHORS: Using surveys, we solicited responses from >800 members of expert-nominated stakeholder organizations, including CYSHCN families, health care providers, researchers, and policymakers, to identify what research with or about CYSHCN they would like to see in a national research agenda. From 2835 individual free-text responses, 96 research topics were synthesized and combined. Using an adapted RAND/UCLA Appropriateness Method (a modified Delphi approach), an expert panel rated research topics across 3 domains: need and urgency, research impact, and family centeredness. Domains were rated on 9-point Likert scales. Panelist ratings were used to sort research topics into 4 relative-priority ranks. Rank 1 (highest priority) research topics had a median of ≥7 in all domains.

RESULTS: The RAND/UCLA Appropriateness Method was used to prioritize CYSHCN research topics and depict their varying levels of stakeholder-perceived need and urgency, research impact, and family centeredness. In the 15 topics that achieved rank 1, social determinants of health (disparities and rurality), caregiving (family resilience and care at home), clinical-model refinement (effective model elements, labor divisions, telemedicine, and system integration), value (stakeholder-centered value outcomes, return on investment, and alternative payment models), and youth-adult transitions (planning, insurance, and community supports) were emphasized.

CONCLUSIONS. High-priority research topics identified by CYSHCN experts and family leaders underscore CYSHCN research trends and guide important directions. This study is the first step toward an efficient and cohesive research blueprint to achieve highly-effective CYSHCN health systems.

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requires research to concentrate on the most pressing issues identified by ¹² diverse stakeholders. W**MAIT THIS STUDY ADDS:** As a step toward a national C/SHOI research agenda, diverse experts developed a research topic taxonomy, depicting varying levels of need and urgency, research impact, and family conteredness. Highest-ranked research topics were contered on social

eterminants of health, family resilience, value, and youth-adult transition **To cite:** Coller RJ, Berry JG, Kuo DZ, et al. Health System Research Priorities for Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs. *Pediatrics*. 2020;145(3):e20190673

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Research Areas

Transitions of Care Caregiving at Home

Principles of Care

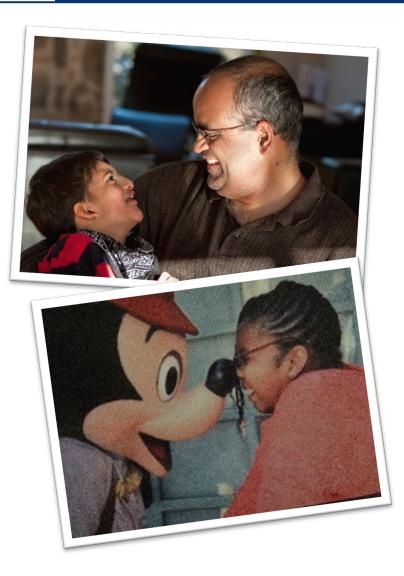
Child Health Care

Family Health

Financing

Conceptualizing Caregiving

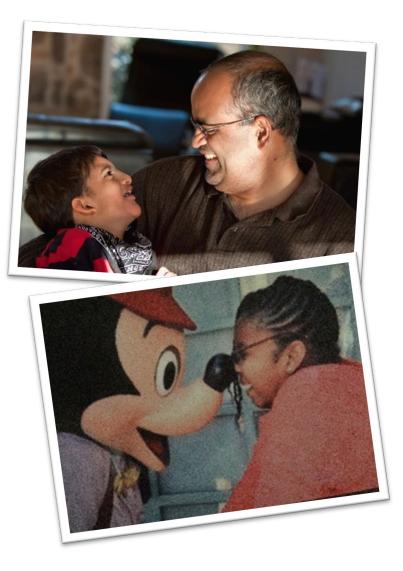
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YOU ARE HERE aka "home health"



Caregivers and Family Health

- Caregiver burden-labor of love!
- Resiliency orientation
- Caregiver support
- Impact of caregiver health on CYSHCN outcomes

- "How can the optimal level of home supports (including home health care) that a family needs to improve child/family outcomes be determined and achieved?"
- "How does rurality uniquely affect CYSHCN, and what are effective interventions to support CYSHCN and families living in rural settings?"

All of these projects, and the projects suggested in other articles in this supplement, should be carried out working with youth and family partners, and with the intent of being family driven.

#1: Conceptual Model

Who takes care of Elanor?

- Self*: 1.5 hrs /day
- Father*: daily
- Mother*: most days
- Boyfriend*: most days
- Therapist: weekly
- Teachers: weekly
- Care coordinator: monthly
- All other health care providers: every three months or less

* health care related only, excludes general care







#2: Social Network Analysis

What do violin lessons have to do with health?

- Being normal
- Working through medical trauma
- Mandatory socializing
- Weekly consultation
- A task that is challenging but not life-threatening
 - Learning to enjoy striving for something



#3: Randomized Controlled Trials

What does the evidence say?

- What does it mean to ME?
 - For where I live, for my race, for my rare condition, for my work schedule?
- Does it answer the questions that I have?
 - Does it really matter whether it's tid or q8h?* (Because tid isn't too bad, but q8h means I can't get a full night's sleep and the school nurse has to give a dose at school...)
- Are we choosing questions that are easier to answer over questions that need answers? Can we push the envelope?

* https://www.verywellhealth.com/understanding-prescription-abbreviations-189318

My favorite days of the week....

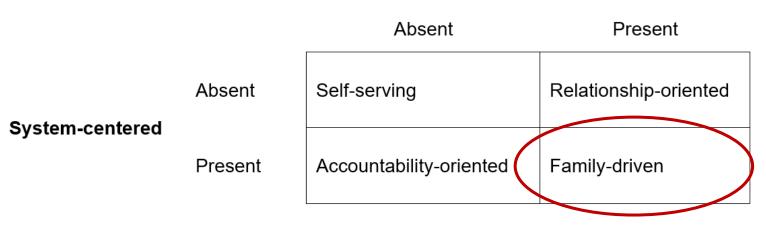








Figure 2 Family-centeredness and system-centeredness in research

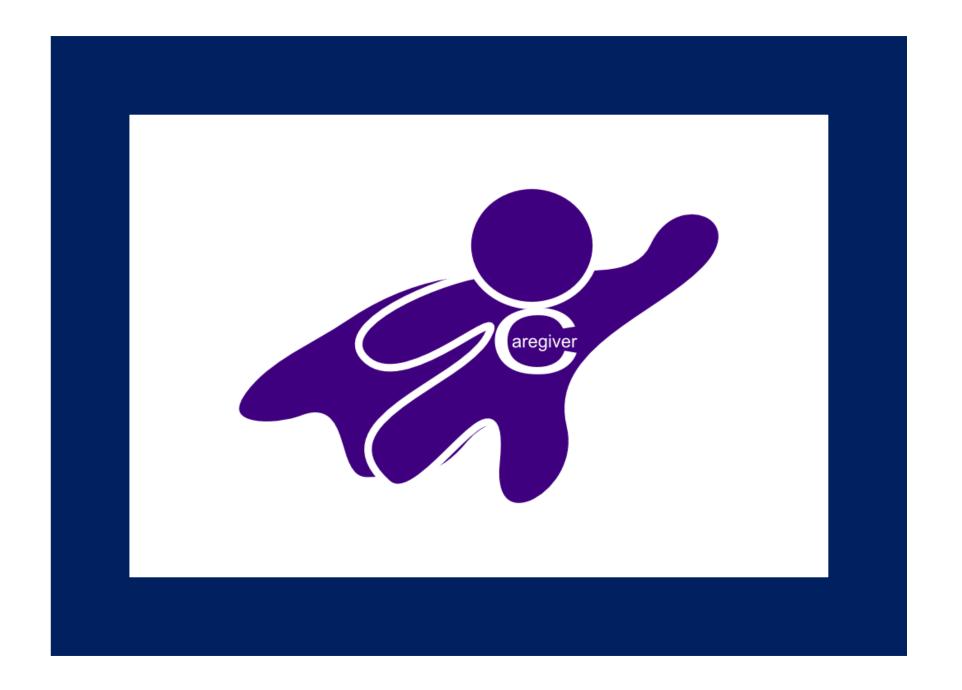


Family-centered

Understanding Caregiving and Caregivers: Supporting CYSHCN at Home, Hoover et al. 2021

Research in Family Centered and Health Care Systems

- Conceptual Model- Reframe the lens- Holistic • Understanding, acknowledging, and honoring caregiver work
- Goal setting and care mapping
- Assessment and measurement
 - Technology/Telehealth
 - \circ Transitions
 - $\,\circ\,$ Health-related Quality of Life
 - \circ Trust
 - \circ Social networks
- Honor cultural and ethnic diversity, health equity at every step



The Complexity of Caregiving In photos







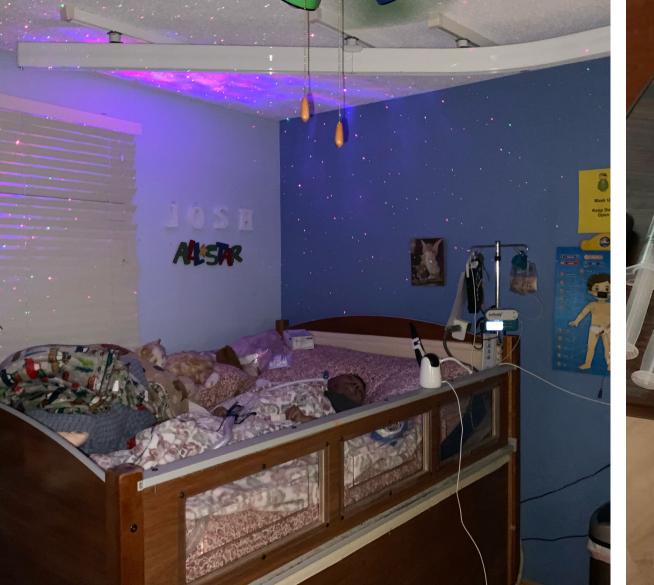


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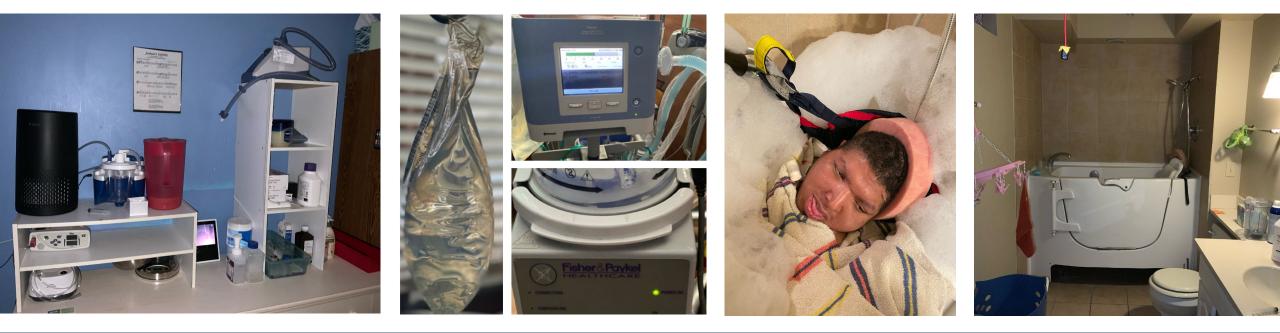
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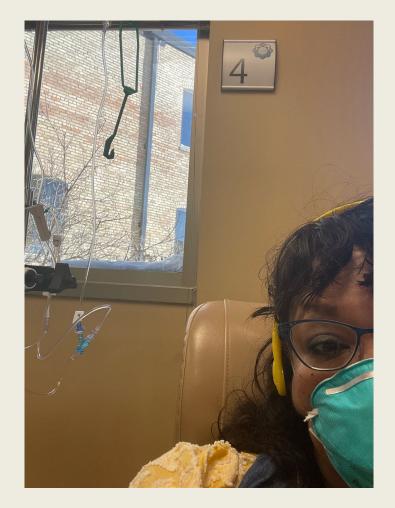








Difficult Times



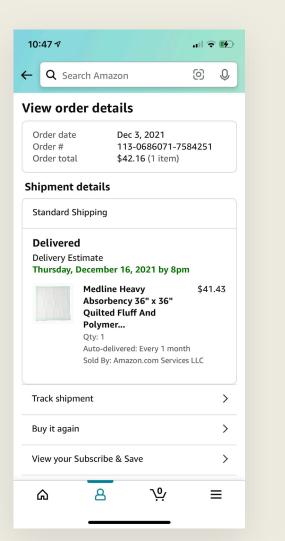


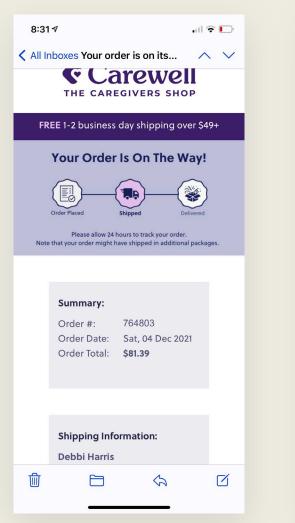




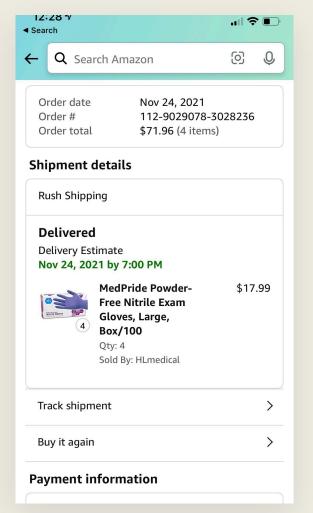
Self Care (sort of)

Expense Reports







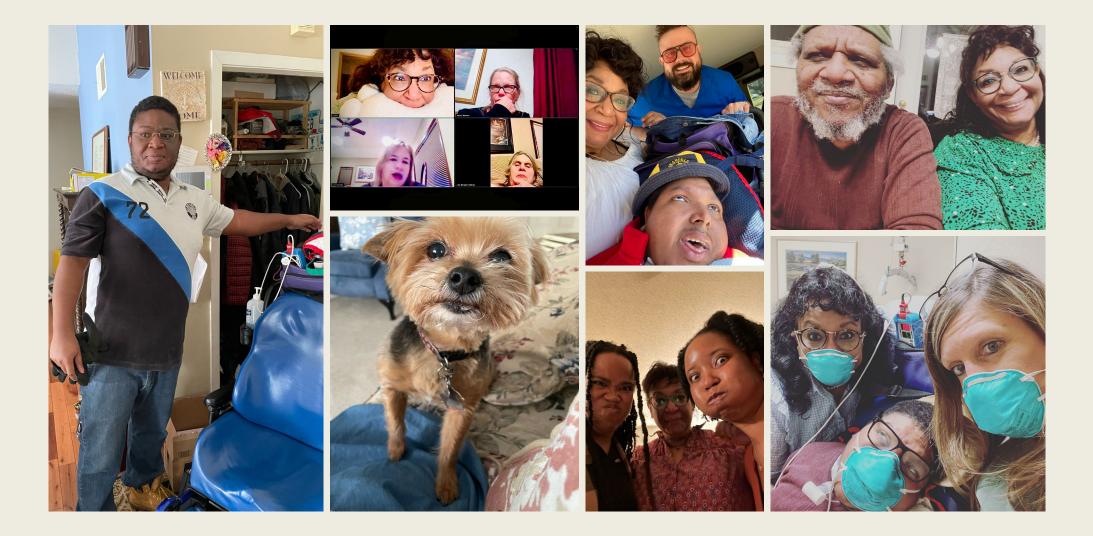




Safe Spaces



Grateful Days (Everyday)



Josh's People at Home (Mom and Dad, Nurses, Brothers, Therapists, Cousins)

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