Leaving the Clinic: An Evolving Interprofessional Collaboration for Teaching Childhood Behavior and Development

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Table 1. Developmental Milestones

Age	Gross Motor	Fine Motor	Self-Help	Problem-solving	Social/Emotional	Receptive Language	Expressive Language
1 month	 Chin up in prone position Turns head in supine position 	 Hands fisted near face 	Sucks well	 Gazes at black- white objects Follows face 	 Discriminates mother's voice Cries out of distress 	 Startles to voice/ sound 	Throaty noises
2 months	 Chest up in prone position Head bobs when held in sitting position 	 Hands unfisted 50% Retains rattle if placed in hand Holds hands together 	Opens mouth at sight of breast or bottle	 Visual threat present Follows large, highly contrasting objects Recognizes mother 	 Reciprocal smiling: responds to adult voice and smile 	 Alerts to voice/ sound 	Coos Social smile (6 weeks) Vowel-like noises
3 months	 Props on forearms in prone position Rolls to side 	 Hands unfisted 50% Inspects fingers Bats at objects 	Brings hands to mouth	 Reaches for face Follows objects in circle (in supine position) Regards toys 	 Expression of disgust (sour taste, loud sound) Visually follows person who is moving across a room 	Regards speaker	 Chuckles Vocalizes when talked to
4 months	 Sits with trunk support No head lag when pulled to sit Props on wrists Rolls front to back 	predominately open • Clutches at clothes		 Mouths objects Stares longer at novel faces than familiar Shakes rattle Reaches for ring/rattle 	 Smiles spontaneously at pleasurable sight/sound Stops crying at parent voice To and fro alternating vocalizations 	 Orients head in direction of a voice Stops crying to soothing voice 	 Laughs out loud Vocalizes when alone
5 months	 Sits with pelvic support Rolls back to front Anterior protection Sits with arms supporting trunk 	 Palmar grasps cube Transfers objects: hand- mouth-hand Holds hands together Reaches/grasps dangling ring 	Gums/ mouths pureed food	Turns head to look for dropped spoon Regards pellet or small cracker	Recognizes caregiver visually Forms attachment relationship to caregiver	Begins to respond to name	 Says "Ah-goo" Razzes, squeals Expresses anger with sounds other than crying
6 months	 Sits momentarily propped on hands Pivots in prone In prone position, bears weight on 1 hand 	 Transfers hand-hand Rakes pellet Takes second cube and holds on to first Reaches with one hand 	 Feeds self crackers Places hands on bottle 	 Touches reflection and vocalizes Removes cloth on face Bangs and shakes toys 	 Stranger anxiety (familiar versus unfamiliar people) 	 Stops momentarily to "no" Gestures for "up" 	 Reduplicative babble with consonants Listens, then vocalizes when adult stops Smiles/vocalizes to mirror
7 months	Bounces when	Radial-palmar	Refuses	 Explores 	 Looks from 	 Looks toward 	 Increasing variety

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Origins of This Partnership

- 2012-2013 National Board of Medical Examiners
 Step 2 Clinical Knowledge testing data revealed:
 - BSOM Students performed 0.4 SD below the national average in the area of "Normal Growth and Development"
- Primary care physicians play a key role*,**
 - Gatekeepers to referral
 - Early intervention is best when initiated "early"
 - Have to have good frame of reference of "typical"
 - Milestones more of a "scaffold"

*Sices L et al. J Dev Behav Pediatr. 2003 Dec;24(6):409-17. **Bailey DB. Pediatrics. 2004 Apr;113(4):887-96

Time for a Different Approach?

- Limitations to the milestone approach*
- Broader perspective
- Previous lecturer
 - Used audiovisual supplements
 - Lecture highly rated
- Excellent didactics combined with an interactive experience
- Different setting?



Didactic Experience



What do we need to emphasize?

Emerging developmental framework to address health and outcomes

Extending/expanding shift of evaluative framework for practice

- 1. Limitations of Biomedical model (normal vs typical) No Normal Growth and Development" category
- 2. Developmental framework for developing preventive efforts/measures for health outcomes
 Early brain development studies
 Early Intervention services and successes
 Shift to multi/interdisciplinary professional team approach in medical care

Transition to developmental model on human development and health

- Defining Risk and Protective Factors as individual resources
- Risk factors can occur at multiple levels, including biological, psychological, family, community, and cultural levels.
- Risk factors Can Be Found in Multiple Contexts
- Have Cumulative Effects that effect outcome

Developmental framework leads to:

- Shift to preventive medicine and interventions
 - To develop effective interventions, it is essential to understand both how developmental and contextual factors at younger ages influence outcomes at older ages and how to influence those factors
 - Prevent secondary disabilities & incorporate increase of developmental disabilities/ASD, behavioral disorders, somatic disorders
 - Provide resources and education to families/patients

Future Direction

- Future courses for medical students would include developmental framework for:
 - Early identification and prevention of behavioral disorders (ages 0-5)
 - Early recognition of developmental delays
 - Childhood chronic disorders with a focus on family components/dynamic contributing to disorders and on support for family centered care

Nancy W. Darden Child Development Center

- Model early childhood model training facility
 - * open to the public
 - * <u>collaborations with</u>:
 Pitt County Schools
 DSS
 DOD
- NC 5-star licensed
- NAEYC Accredited



Philosophy

- Play-based curriculum . . . Child learn and construct their understanding of the world through play
- Emergent curriculum . . . Activities and experiences are based upon the ideas and interests of the children
- Reggio-inspired curriculum . . . Child is seen as strong, capable and resilient; rich with wonder and knowledge.
 - * Every child brings with them deep curiosity and potential which is a driving force to understand his/her world and

his/her place within it







Darden Child Development Center Experience

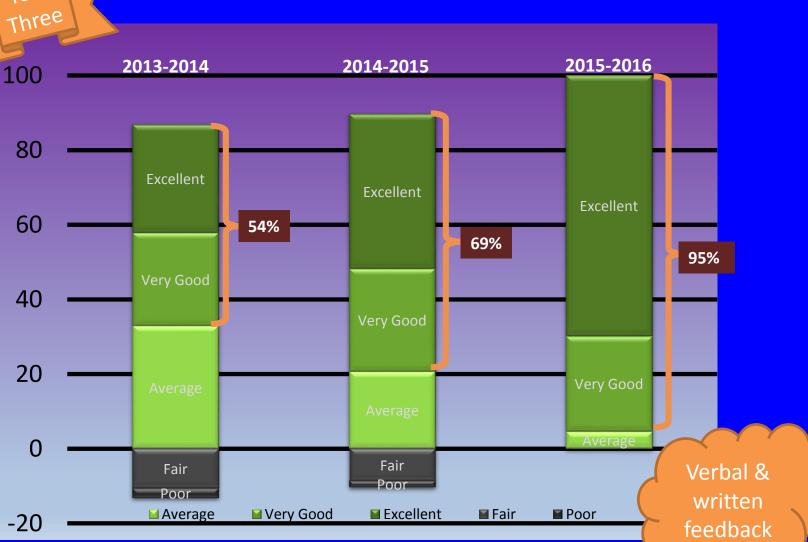
Observing children in their natural habitats.



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Challenges and Next Steps

- NBME changed its category system for Step 2 CK starting in 2014-2015
 - No "Normal Growth and Development" category
 - Possible categories of overlap
 - Behavioral Health (+0.5 SD)
 - Applying Foundational Science Concepts (-0.1 SD)
- Further assessment/evaluation
- Extension of partnership to 4th year

Questions?







