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International Experts Launch a Foundational Set of Standards to Measure and Improve Overall Pediatric Health Globally

BOSTON, Massachusetts, February, 18, 2020: The International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM) announced the release of their Overall Pediatric Health Standard Set today.

Health professionals, patient advisors, and recognized leaders from across Europe, the Americas, Asia, and Australia have joined forces to establish and launch a global set of outcomes that reflect what matters most to infants, children, and adolescents - independent of treatment or diagnosis, from birth to 24 years of age.

This collaboration is facilitated by ICHOM and made possible by the generous contributions of the NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation, Boston Children's Hospital, Erasmus University Medical Center, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Health Service Executive, Meyer Children's Hospital, Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona Children's Hospital, The Hospital for Sick Children, and Fundación CardiolInfantil - Instituto de Cardiología.

The Overall Pediatric Health Standard Set (OPHSS) was developed by the ICHOM Overall Pediatric Health Working Group, comprised of 24 international experts and patient representatives, from 21 organizations across 12 countries. A full list of organizations and representatives involved in the ICHOM Overall Pediatric Health Working Group is available [here](#).

Patient Advisor and OPH Working Group Member Michael Morris, Samuel Morris Foundation, Australia shares, " True patient and family centered care practices occur not only at the point of face to face contact between medical practitioners and their patients, families and carers, but at all levels of systems development that support this interaction. With a family history of living with a child with chronic and complex medical conditions and a history of patient advocacy it was a privilege to work with this international collaboration to help develop a new tool that helps measure what is important to child and adolescent health in a way that meets both medical practitioner and family expectations about health care and wellbeing for our most precious assets - our children"

The Overall Pediatric Health Standard Set

The OPHSS is a minimum core set of standards, comprised of Patient, Parent, and Healthcare Provider - Reported Outcome Measures already being collected by most practices in routine clinical care. The OPHSS measures 22 outcomes under the ICHOM framework for comprehensive outcomes measurement. These overarching domains are Social Functioning, Mental Functioning, and Physical Functioning.

To help ensure the Standard Set is relevant across contexts, the Working Group also recommended a minimum set of six Case-Mix, risk adjustment factors, to be collected along with the outcomes measured.

Distributed across four relevant age groups, each of the four packages of outcome measures takes between 10 and 40 minutes to complete, with 20 to 49 items for each age range. Measuring, reporting, and comparing these outcomes can help develop best practices in pediatric care; ultimately generating value and better outcomes for patients worldwide. With PROM's available in several languages, the Standard Set is slated to have increased adoption across countries.

An open-source [Reference Guide](#) has also been created, outlining recommendations for administering the set, time points, and a data dictionary for organizations to begin implementation.

Consumer Review Period:

The 22 Outcomes recommended by the Working Group were also validated during an Open Review period. 94% of patient and caregiver respondents from Singapore, Colombia, the United States, and the United Kingdom, agreed that all important outcomes are covered.

Over 94% of professionals and administrators surveyed across 14 countries, approved of the measures recommended for each age-range. There was over 90% agreement that there were no critical concepts missing from the packages of measures being recommended by the Working Group.

The Future of OPHSS:

From its inception, ICHOM has made Standard Sets open source. Now that this recommendation is finalized, the real work can begin, ushering in a new season for Value Based Pediatric Health Care. It will be invaluable to learn from implementation pilots that may emerge across the globe and inform future iterations of this global set of standards.

The Chair of the Working Group, Kathy Jenkins, MD, MPH, Boston Children's Hospital says, "It has been a privilege to serve as the Chair for the Overall Pediatric Health Working Group. Impactful measures shine light on healthcare delivery, and our team has worked hard to find the best measures available that matter most to children and families. Universal adoption of these measures will realign stakeholders to drive value-based healthcare for children all over the world and will improve care for children no matter the setting. I am looking forward to participating in the next phase of this visionary work and would like to thank the ICHOM team for all their help thus far."

For more information on the OPHSS, the standard set flyer can be downloaded [here](#) and the reference guide [here](#).

The OPHSS will also be featured at the ICHOM 2020 Conference being held in Barcelona from May 18-20. More details can be found at conference.ichom.org

More Information on The International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement:

ICHOM's mission is to unlock the potential of value-based health care by defining global standard sets of outcome measures that matter most to patients and driving adoption and reporting of these measures worldwide to create better value for all stakeholders. ICHOM was founded in 2012 by

Professor Michael E. Porter of Harvard Business School, the Boston Consulting Group, and Karolinska Institute.

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