



**University of Chicago Transition  
Programs/ Initiatives**

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# TRANSITION HISTORY: SEPARATE INITIATIVES

- CF center
- Diabetes Transition
- Adult survivorship oncology clinic
- MP Grand Rounds Speakers
- MP attending and Resident physicians taking care of individual patients
- Kamala Cotts adult with physical and cognitive disabilities practice
- Sara Platte: Transition Patients at Friend Family Health Center
- Nancy Fritz La Rabida: Transition Grant



## TRANSITION INITIATIVES: SPARKED BY RESIDENT INTEREST/ ENTHUSIASM

- Two Med-Peds Residents wrote for an internal grant to study and improve transition care at UCMC.
- Comer Classic Fund was awarded to the residents
- Their research and initiatives resulted in a Pediatrics Grand Rounds presentation and outstanding resident research award.
- The residents created and completed a multi-institutional transition care elective (PLA's were obtained)
- The UCMC-wide Transition Steering Committee was formed



# UCMC STEERING COMMITTEE GOALS

- Identify Youth and Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN) in our community
- Determine the transition needs of YSHCN in our community
- Study outcomes of YSHCN to determine frequency of lapses of healthcare, lapses of insurance coverage, ER/ hospitalizations
- Educate medical students, residents, fellows, faculty, nurses, social workers, legal advocates, patients and families regarding transition care



## GOALS (CONTINUED)

- Create a centralized transition care website containing educational materials and a toolkit of resources
- Create a transition care elective rotation for students and residents
- Organize transition care educational days (geared toward providers and patients)
- Secure funding to improve transition care and transition education
- Study the effect of transition educational interventions on students, residents, faculty and patients.



# TRANSITION ACTIVITIES TO DATE

- Comer Classic Grant funding obtained by two University of Chicago Med-Peds residents to improve transition care and education at the University of Chicago Medical Center (UCMC)
- IRB exemption obtained to study resident and faculty comfort with transition care: Baseline data obtained and presented locally and internationally by resident physicians, Amy Johnson Lo and Jen McDonnell (to be presented in future slides)
- Transition care toolkit started with handouts for providers, patients and families developed by Purvi Patel, JD/MPH
- Transition care website developed:  
<http://transitioncare.uchicago.edu>
- UCMC Transition Care Steering Committee subcommittees formed (Education, Outreach, Grants/ research)



# RESIDENT KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES REGARDING TRANSITION CARE: AMY JOHNSON LO, MD AND JENNIFER MCDONNELL, MD

- To define:
  - IM, pediatrics and M/P resident knowledge regarding transition care
  - IM, pediatrics and M/P resident attitudes toward providing transition care
  - IM, pediatrics and M/P resident practices regarding transition care
- Information to be used to help develop a transition care curriculum



# METHODS

- Surveys distributed to IM, pediatric and combined IM/pediatric residents
  - total number of surveys distributed was 175.
- Data entered and analyzed using frequencies and chi-squared statistical analysis





# Resident Demographics

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Response Rate (n = 75)	42.8%
Male	35%
Female	56%
Internal Medicine (% of total responders)	53%
Pediatrics (% of total responders)	35%
IM/Peds (% of total responders)	12%
Year 1 or 2 in Training	67%
Year 3 or 4 in Training	33%
Intend to work in primary care	24%
Intend to subspecialize	49%

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# RESIDENT FAMILIARITY WITH TRANSITION CARE

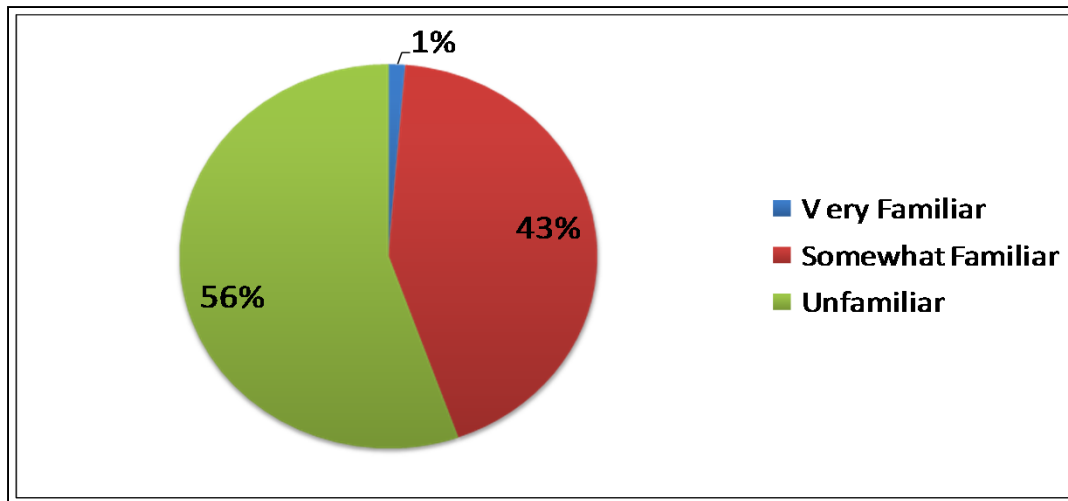


Figure 1. IM, IM/pediatric and pediatric resident familiarity with transition.

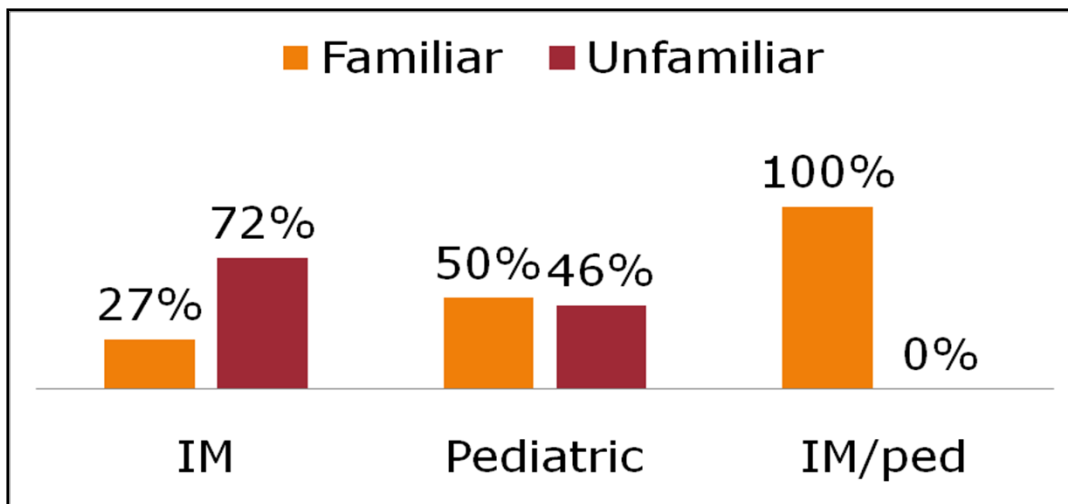
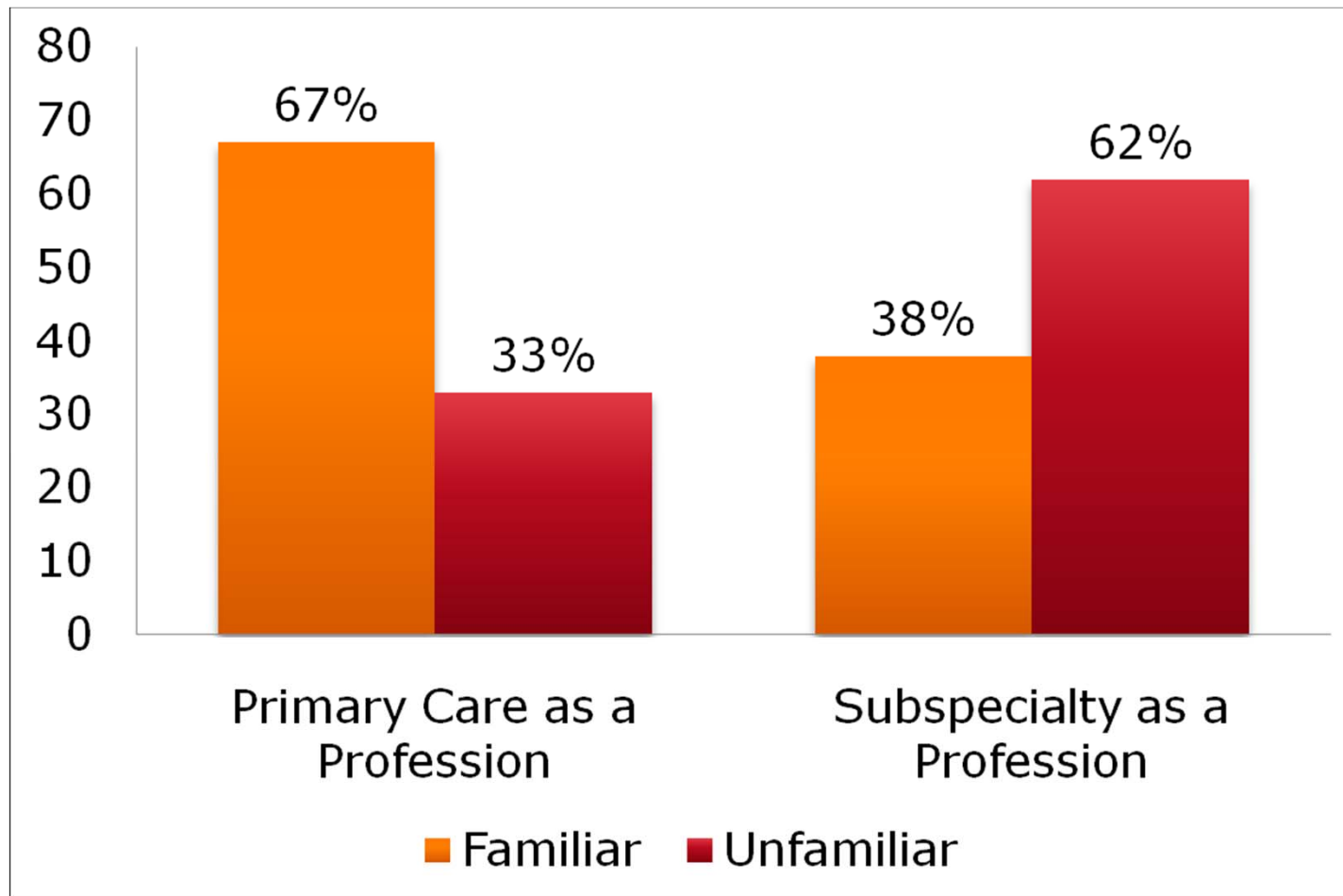


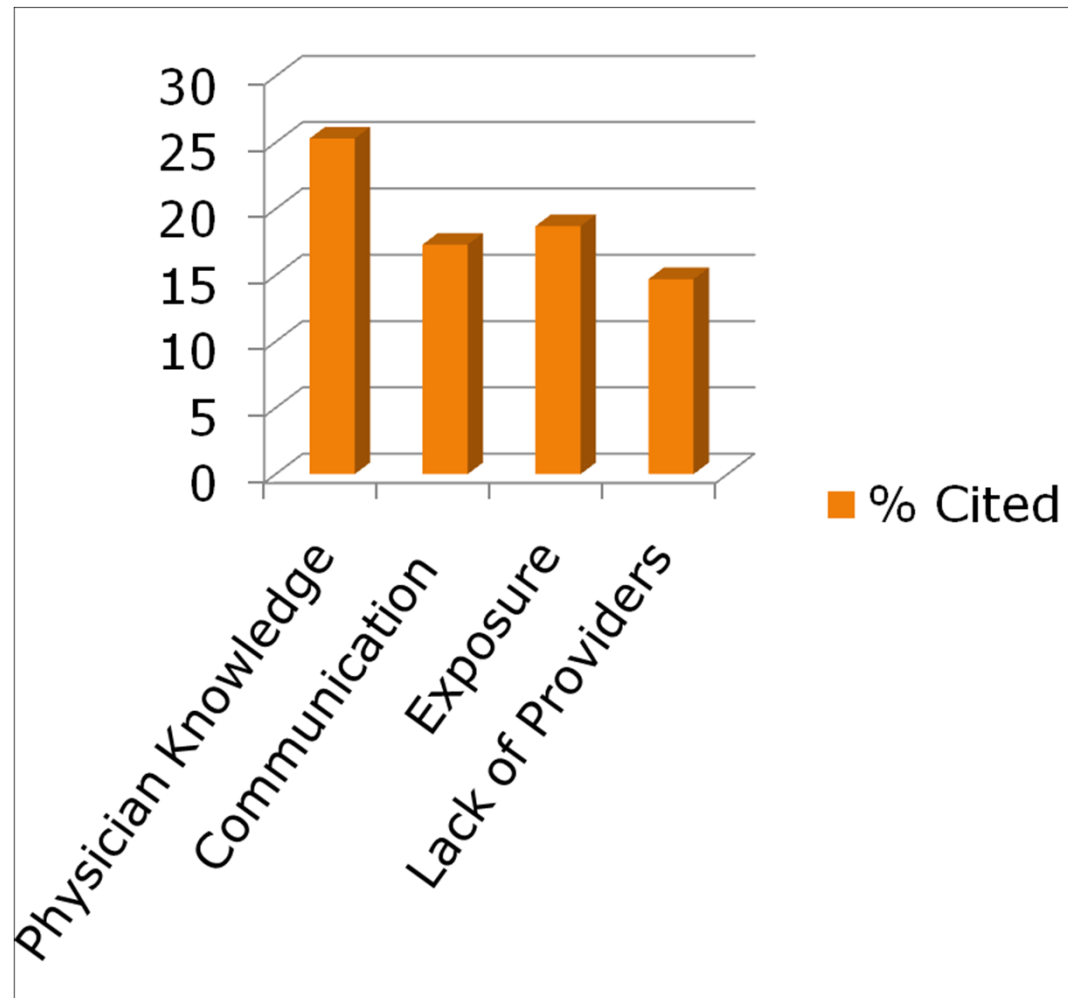
Figure 2. Resident familiarity with transition, IM residents vs. Pediatric vs. IM/ped residents.



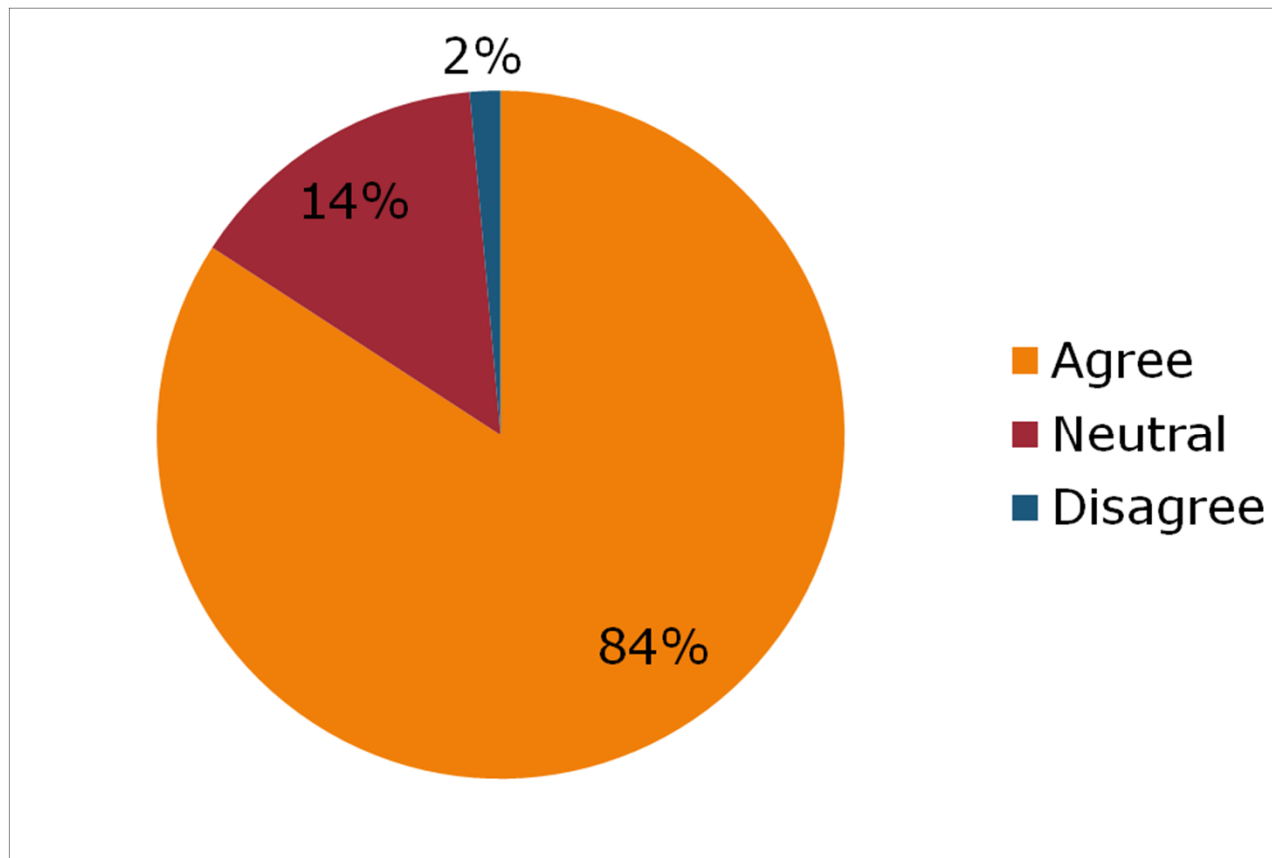
# FAMILIARITY WITH TRANSITION CARE BY INTENDED CAREER PATH



# RESIDENTS' PERCEIVED BARRIERS TO TRANSITION CARE AT UCMC



# TRANSITION CARE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF MEDICAL EDUCATION



# PRITZKER MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH

- Pilot Study on Dr. Cotts' patients with intellectual and physical disabilities (40% had Medicare, 40% had Medicaid and 20% had Private Insurance)
- Confirmed difficulty with obtaining specialty/ sub-specialty care for these patients for:
  - Neurology
  - Psychiatry
  - Orthopedics



# RETROSPECTIVE TRANSITION STUDY

- IRB submitted
- To describe the frequency of outcomes of transition to adult care among young people with special health care needs
- To assess pre-transition factors which are associated with greater risks of poor transition outcomes.
- To compare the frequency of outcomes of transition among young people with different chronic medical conditions.
- Ultimately, the information obtained from this study will be used to design a transition program to promote successful transitions to adult care for pediatric subspecialty patients.



# RETROSPECTIVE TRANSITION STUDY

- Group 1: Patients ages 19 to 26 with a current or previous diagnosis of JIA or SLE, who received pediatric rheumatology care at UCMC between the ages of 15 and 18 years.
- Group 2: Patients ages 19 to 26 with a current or previous diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus who received pediatric endocrinology care at UCMC between the ages of 15 and 18 years.
- Group 3: Patients ages 19 to 26 with a current or previous diagnosis of Cystic Fibrosis, who received pediatric pulmonology care at UCMC between the ages of 15 and 18 years.





# RETROSPECTIVE TRANSITION STUDY: METHODS

- Telephone Surveys
- Chart Audits
- Autonomy Checklist Completion



## OTHER STUDIES PLANNED

- Patients 13 -28 yo with DM, JIA, SLE:  
Prospective study regarding transition outcomes
- Retrospective and prospective transition studies for patients with HIV and patients with cognitive and physical disabilities.
- Survey of ACP and AAP regional resident attitudes about transition care

