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Child Abuse Training, Comfort, and Knowledge Among Emergency Medicine and Pediatric Residents

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Abstract

Aim: Child maltreatment (CM) is a leading cause of death and disability among children. Delayed or missed diagnosis of CM can have grave consequences. Thus, the training provided to physicians during residency is critical. However, there is a lack of nationally representative data on residency training needs and knowledge. Wayne State University is one of several sites in the U.S. participating in a multi-site study regarding residency training in CM.

Method: To assess the residents' training experiences, evaluate the content of residency training in CM according to program directors, identify associations between the training programs and knowledge related to CM, and examine correspondence between program director and residents' perceptions regarding the content and effectiveness of residency training in CM.

Results: Surveys will be administered to and collected from 22 pediatric residents and 12 emergency medicine residents in a group setting. The program directors of both residencies will also receive a survey by mail. Responses from both surveys will be analyzed using SPSS 12.0. Responses of the surveys will also be mailed to the study center at East Virginia Medical School for analysis as part of the national study.

Conclusion: Results of surveys administered in our residency programs will be reported individually. We will report the amount of training residents had in CM and their comfort with dealing with such patients. We will analyze their responses to objective questions on recognition and treatment of patients with suspected physical or sexual abuse. We anticipate having results by the time of the conference.

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