Childhood trauma and chronic disease in Alaska:

New ways to visualize brain health, engage patients, and encourage treatment uptake

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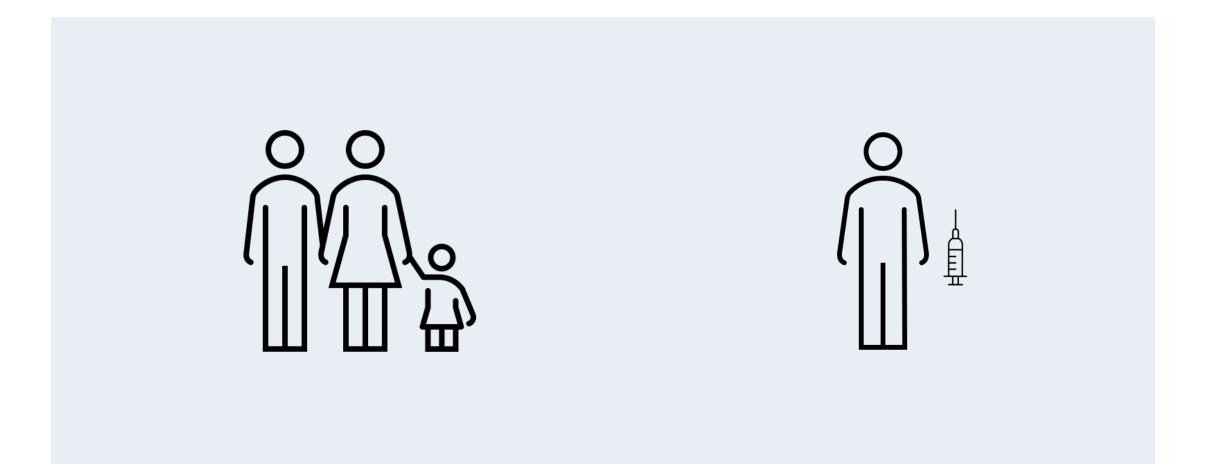
Summary

- Background
- Surveillance: Childhood trauma in Alaska ED data
- Brain health, behavior, and chronic disease
- A case for interactive Augmented Reality

Background

Inspiration from tribal health experiences





87% in Alaska with OUD did not get evidence-based treatment (2019).

About **18,000** individuals in Alaska with OUD (2019).

3% of the population - opioid misuse prevalence in Alaska (people age 12 and over, 2019).



Krawczyk, N., Rivera, B. D., Jent, V., Keyes, K. M., Jones, C. M., & Cerdá, M. (2022). Has the treatment gap for opioid use disorder narrowed in the U.S.?: A yearly assessment from 2010 to 2019". *The International journal on drug policy*, 103786. Advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2022.103786

CRIME AND COURTS

Successful opioid addiction treatment slow to catch on in South Dakota

"...physicians in the state are reluctant to prescribe the drugs that have shown great promise in overcoming opioid abuse."

News > Medscape Medical News > Psychiatry News

PCPs Don't Back 'Gold Standard' Treatment for Opioid Addiction

"...one third of US primary care physicians do not believe medications used to treat OUD are more effective than nonpharmacologic treatment or that they are safe for long-term use."

There's a highly successful treatment for opioid addiction. But stigma is holding it back.

Medication-assisted treatment is often called the gold standard of addiction care. But much of the country has resisted it.

By German Lopez | @germanrlopez | german.lopez@vox.com | Updated Nov 15, 2017, 2:25pm ES

Many Residential Addiction Tx Centers Don't Offer MAT, at a Deadly Cost – Abstinence-only models aren't for everyone

by Elizabeth Hlavinka, Staff Writer, MedPage Today September 29, 2020

"When Quincie Berry was discharged from a rehabilitation facility on June 26, his caretakers weaned him off Suboxone... no halfway houses would accept him if he was on opioid agonist treatment... Berry...died from an overdose on July 23."

In the midst of opioid crisis, Harrisburg dismisses evidence on treatment | Editorial

At the heart of the bill is the false notion that treating addiction with medication only replaces one drug with another.

Surveillance

Alaska hospital data

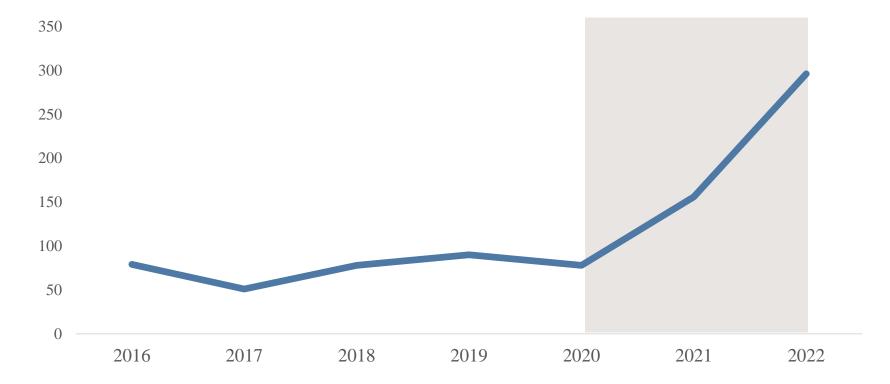
'Problems related to upbringing' (Z62 in any diagnosis field)

- Z62 Problems related to upbringing
- Z62.0 Inadequate parental supervision and control
- Z62.1 Parental overprotection
- Z62.2 Upbringing away from parents
- Z62.21 Child in welfare custody
- Z62.22 Institutional upbringing
- Z62.29 Other upbringing away from parents
- Z62.3 Hostility towards and scapegoating of child
- Z62.6 Inappropriate (excessive) parental pressure
- Z62.8 Other specified problems related to upbringing
- Z62.81 Personal history of abuse in childhood
- Z62.810 Personal history of physical and sexual abuse in childhood
- Z62.811 Personal history of psychol abuse in childhood

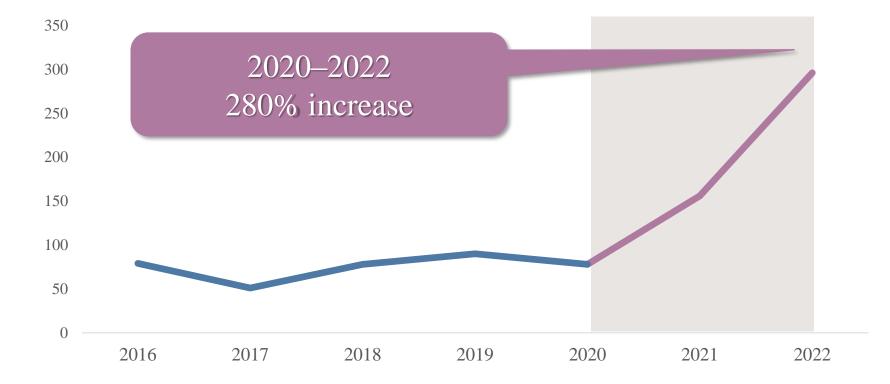
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Z62.820	Parent-biological child conflict
Z62.821	Parent-adopted child conflict
Z62.822	Parent-foster child conflict
Z62.89	Other specified problems related to upbringing
Z62.890	Parent-child estrangement NEC
Z62.891	Sibling rivalry
Z62.898	Other specified problems related to upbringing
Z62.9	Problem related to upbringing, unspecified

Source: The ICD-10 Classification of Mental and Behavioural Disorders: Diagnostic Criteria for Research. Geneva: World Health Organization; 1993

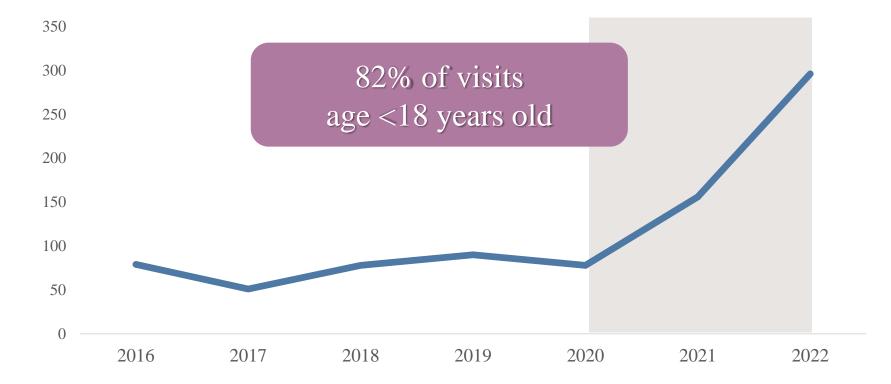
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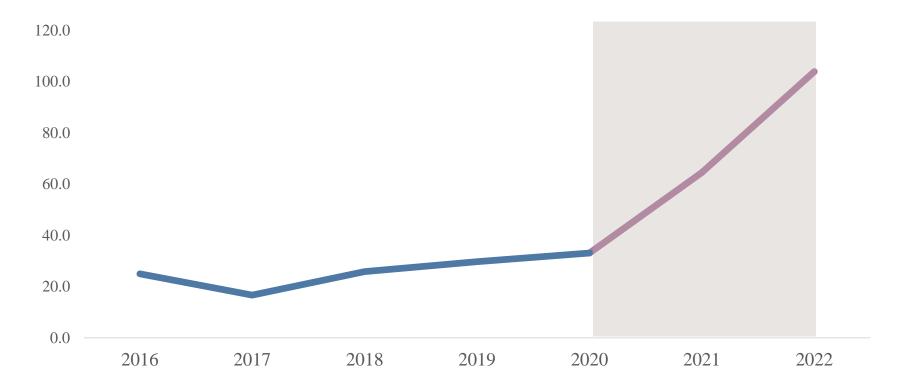
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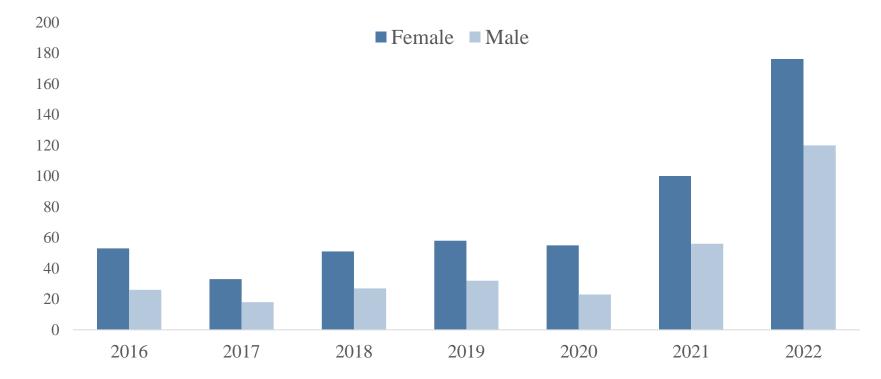
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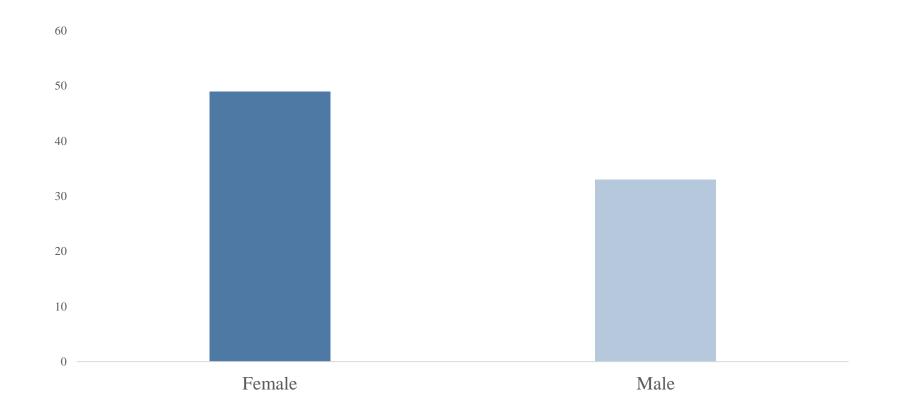
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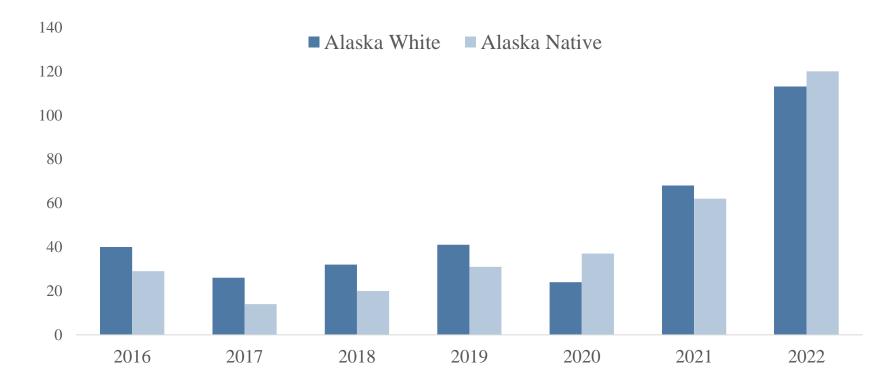
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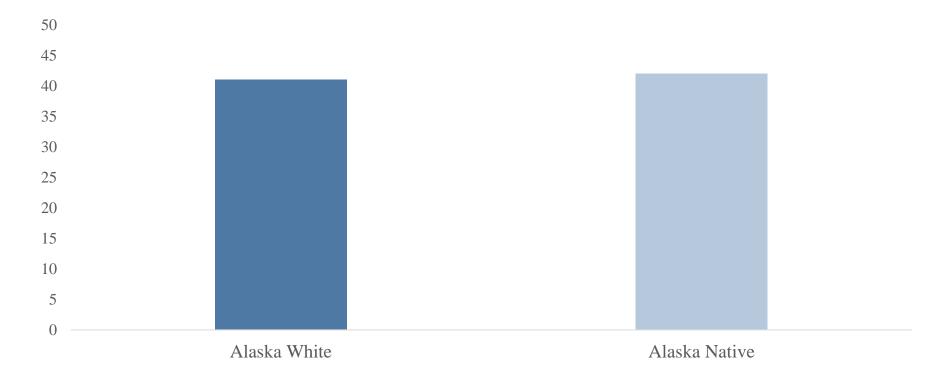
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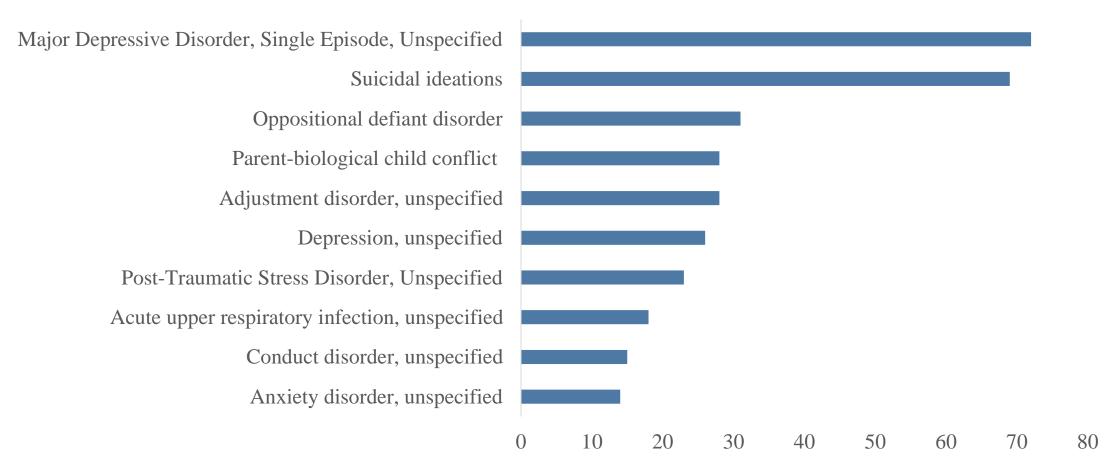
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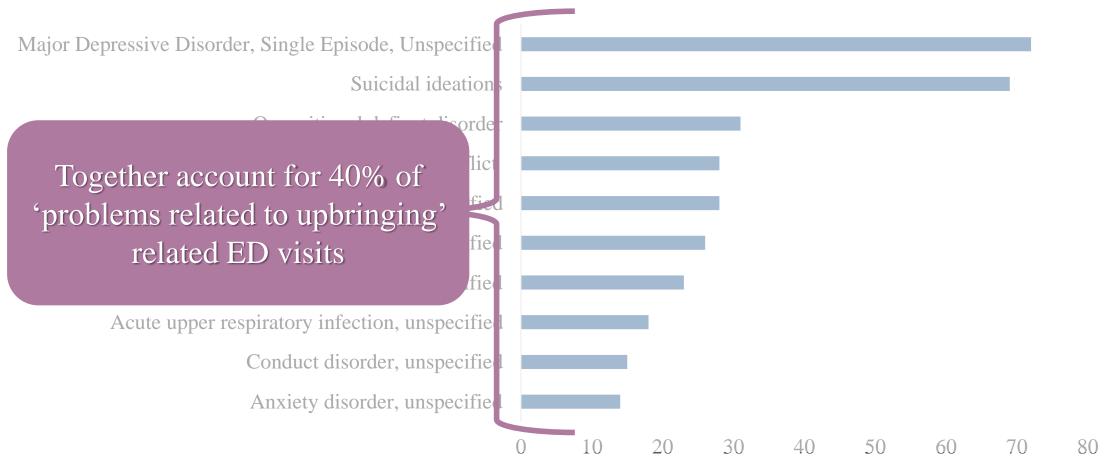
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Number of 'problems related to upbringing' (any Z62) ED visits, Alaska statewide data, by <u>leading 10 primary diagnoses</u>, 2016 through 2022 (combined)



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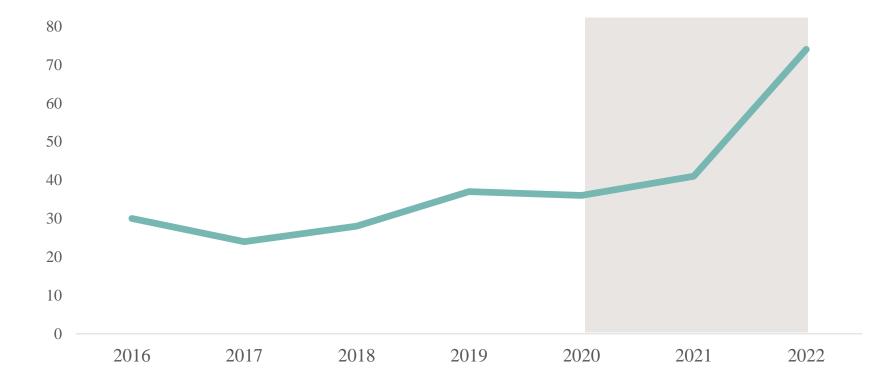


'Childhood trauma' (any Z62.81)

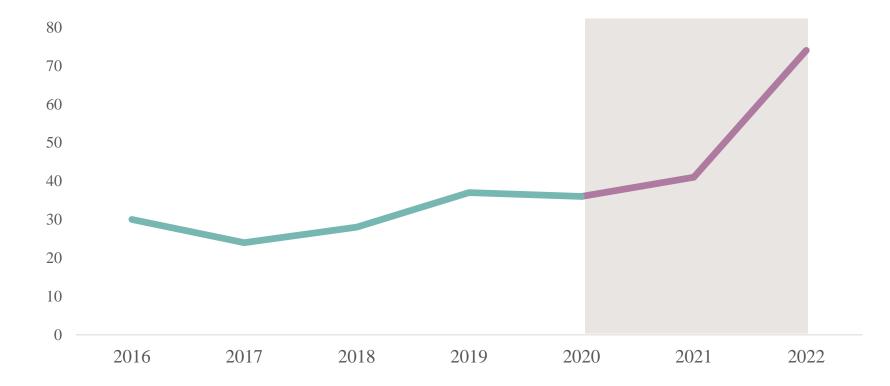
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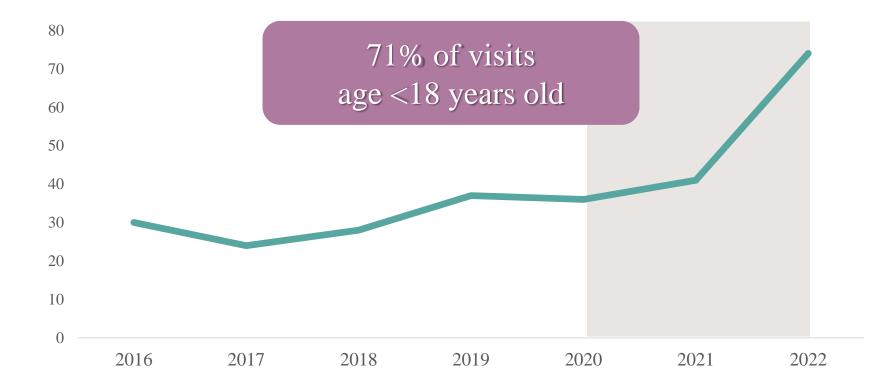
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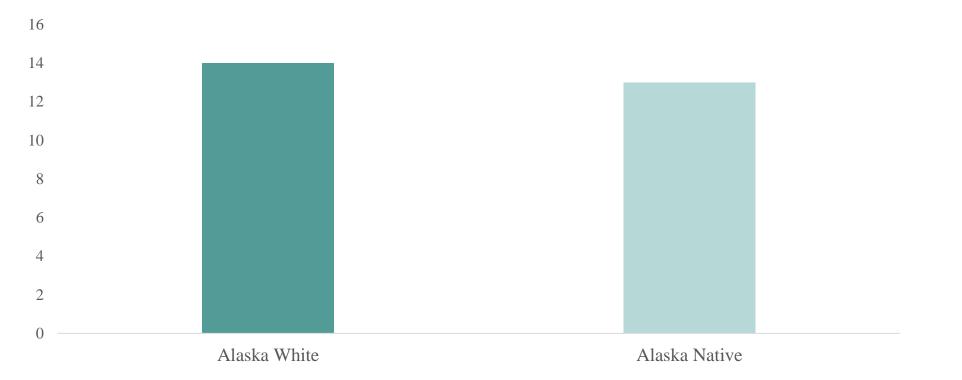
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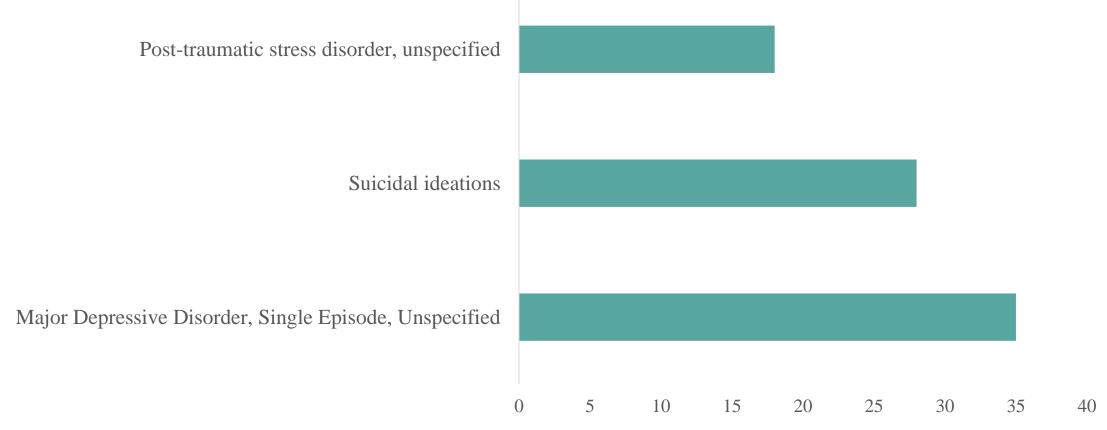
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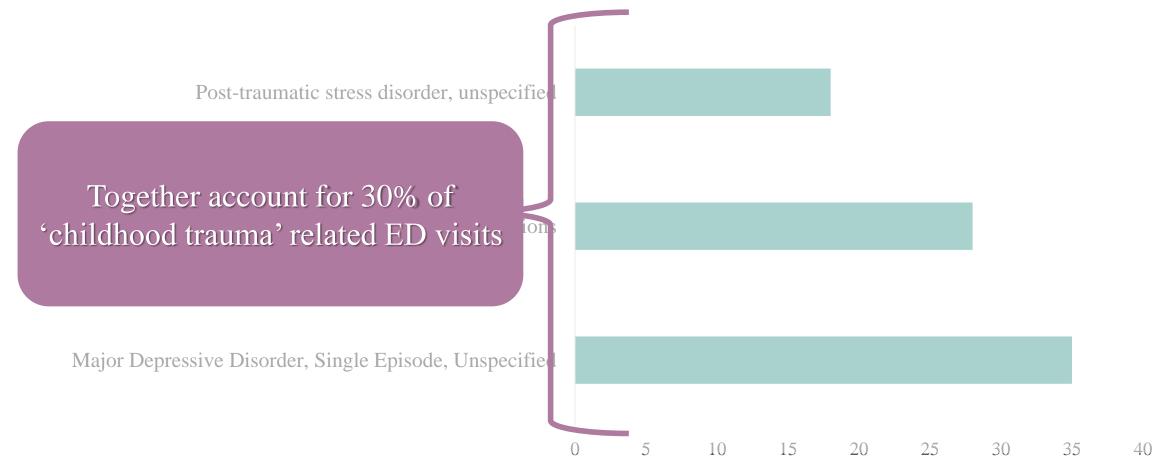
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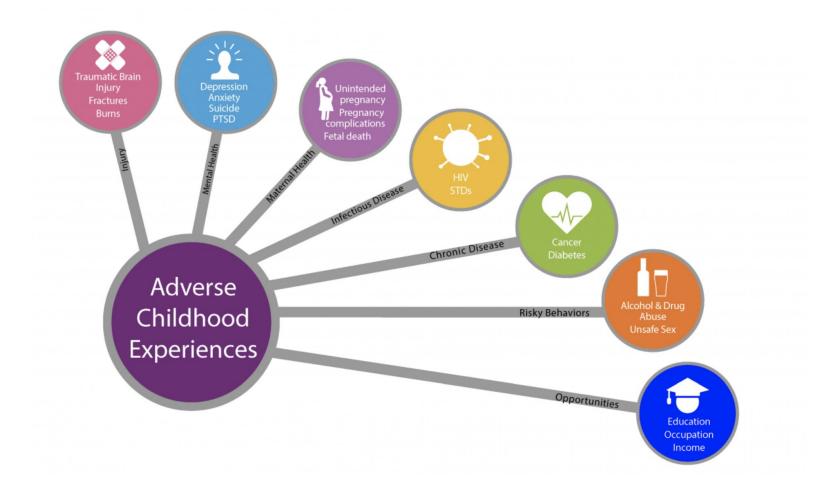


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Childhood trauma and chronic disease

Brain health and behavioral outcomes



Source: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Violence Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/about.html

Childhood trauma is associated with <u>increased risk of opioid</u> and substance misuse in adulthood

- "Compared to participants with no ACEs, participants with ≥4 ACEs and 0–3 ACEs were 2.93... and 1.96... times more likely to be at risk for opioid misuse, respectively."¹
- "...the ACE score was inversely associated with age of initiating opioid use... positively associated with recent injection drug use... and the likelihood of experiencing an overdose... in a graded dose response manner."²
- "ACEs was positively associated with prescription opioid misuse across both samples. Respondents reporting three or more ACEs had increased odds of taking opioids more than prescribed, without a prescription, and for the feeling they cause. Our results support a strong link between ACEs and prescription opioid misuse."³

^{1.} Fortson, K., Rajbhandari-Thapa, J., Ingels, J., Thapa, K. & Dube, S.R. (2021) Adverse childhood experiences, risk of opioid misuse and its pathway among students at a public university, Journal of American College Health, DOI: 10.1080/07448481.2021.2002336

^{2.} Stein MD, Conti MT, Kenney S, et al. Adverse childhood experience effects on opioid use initiation, injection drug use, and overdose among persons with opioid use disorder. Drug Alcohol Depend. 2017;179:325-329. doi:10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2017.07.007

^{3.} Merrick MT, Ford DC, Haegerich TM, Simon T. Adverse Childhood Experiences Increase Risk for Prescription Opioid Misuse. J Prim Prev. 2020 Apr;41(2):139-152. doi: 10.1007/s10935-020-00578-0. PMID: 31989435.

Childhood trauma has been associated with external locus-of-control

- "...the children/youths that had been victims of maltreatment showed little confidence in the possibility that they could have an impact on their own experiences.¹
- "Our findings suggest bullying by peers in childhood as a major risk factor for poor self-esteem and external locus of control in adulthood."²
- "Harsh discipline, a proxy measure of physical abuse... was found associated with low parenting self-efficacy"³

^{1.} Roazzi, A., Attili, G., Di Pentima, L. et al. Locus of control in maltreated children: the impact of attachment and cumulative trauma. Psicol. Refl. Crit. 29, 8 (2016).

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Childhood trauma is associated with adult <u>impaired spatial learning</u> and cognition

- "We observed a significant effect of (childhood) trauma history on spatial/pattern learning."¹
- "Physical neglect correlated with impaired spatial working memory and pattern recognition memory."²
- "Decreased white matter FA in the prefrontal and temporal cortex was associated with decrements in performance on a spatial planning task and a visual learning and memory task in children who suffered early neglect."³

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- 3. De Bellis, M. D. et al. (2009). Neuropsychological Findings in Childhood Neglect and Their Relationships to Pediatric PTSD." J Int Neuropsychological Soc 15.6: 868–878.

^{1.} Syal S, Ipser J, Phillips N, Thomas KG, van der Honk J, Stein DJ. (2014). The effect of childhood trauma on spatial cognition in adults: a possible role of sex. Metab Brain Dis. 2014 Jun;29(2):301-10. doi: 10.1007/s11011-014-9497-4. Epub 2014 Feb 21. PMID: 24553877.

Childhood trauma can change structures and functions of <u>threat, memory, and reward systems</u>

Brain structures affected by childhood trauma and related behavioral health conditions/outcomes

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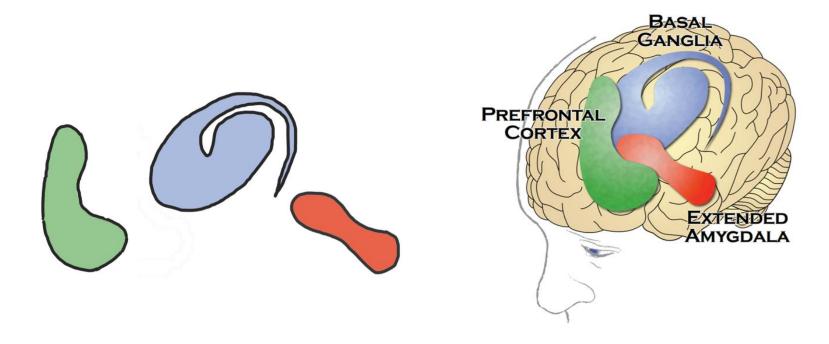
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Emotional regulation						
Depression						
Social relationships						
Hypervigilance						
Alcohol use disorder						
Opioid use disorder						
Nicotine dependence						
Diabetes						
Learning						
Incarceration						

A case for interactive Augmented Reality

Informed patients can make better decisions about care

Traditional informational media may not be as accessible to some patients



Oral Health in America: Advances and Challenges [Internet]. Bethesda (MD): National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research(US); 2021 Dec. Section 5, Pain, Mental Illness, Substance Use, and Oral Health. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK578300/

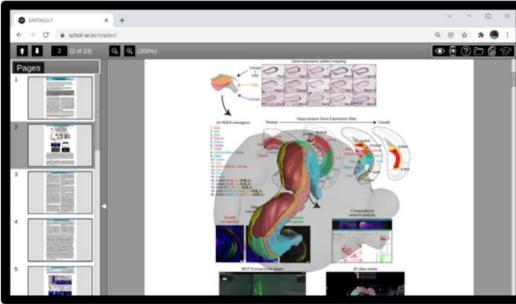
Augmented Reality makes neuro models easy to understand



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Augmented Reality



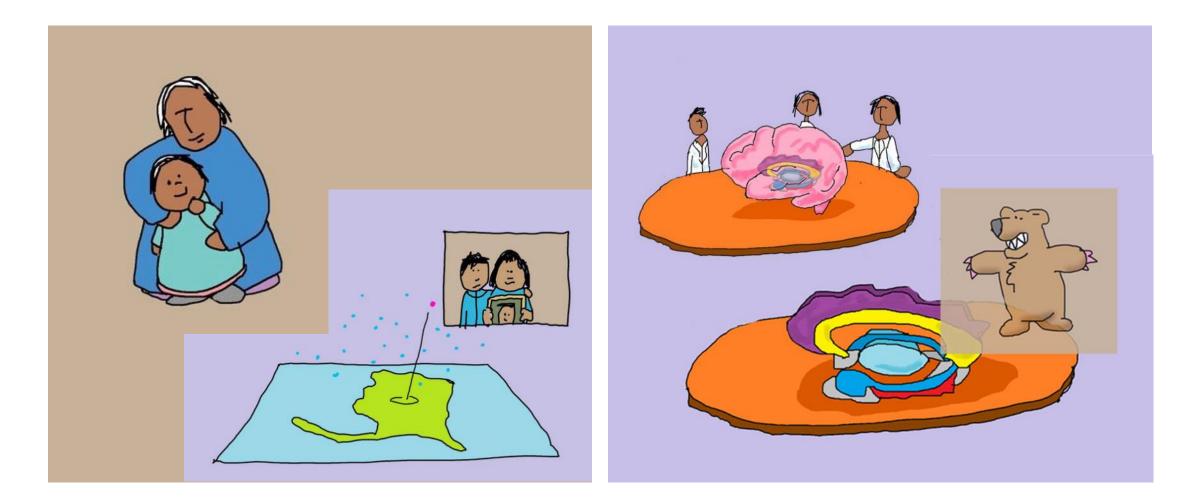


https://hscnews.usc.edu/usc-institute-launches-pioneering-augmented-reality-smartphone-application

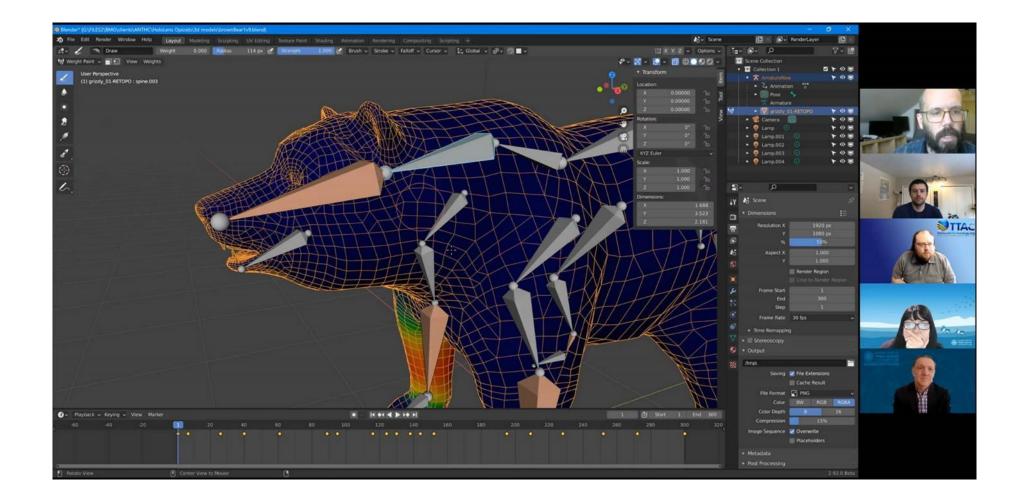
Interactive AR puts users in control



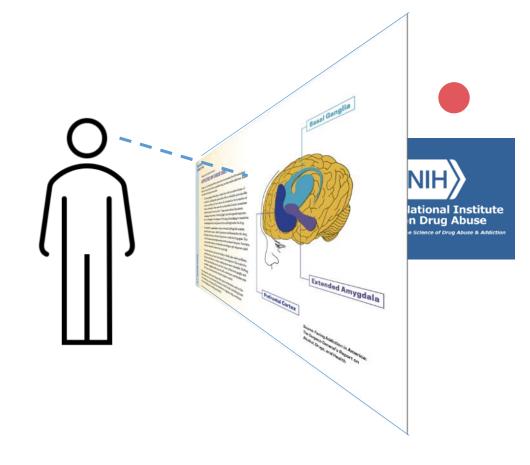
So we made storyboards...



And wrote some programs...



Brochures: External locus of control

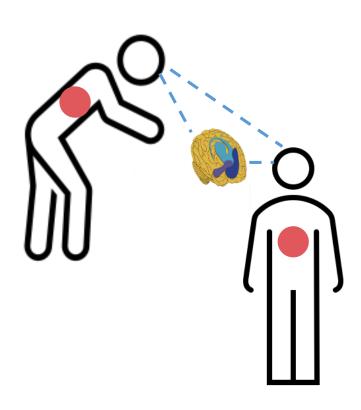


Information comes from an outside authority.

The user passively consumes content.

Spatial and volumetric information are lost.

AR: Internal locus of control





The user and the medical information share the same space.

The user actively controls the content.

Spatial and volumetric information are preserved.

"In recent years, there has been a surge of research into early brain development. Neuroimaging technologies... provide increased insight about how the brain develops and how early experiences affect that development.

One area that has been receiving increasing research attention involves the effects of abuse and neglect on the developing brain...

There is now scientific evidence of altered brain functioning as a result of early abuse and neglect.

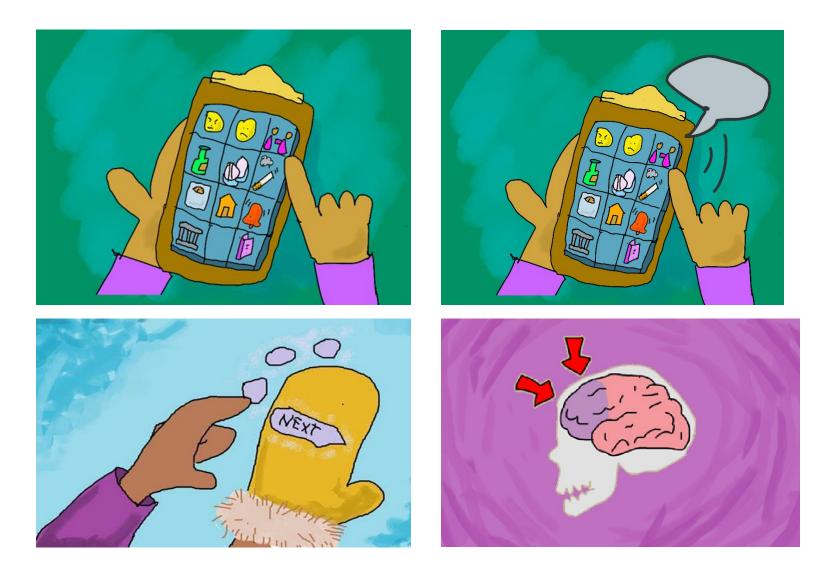
This emerging body of knowledge has many implications for the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect."

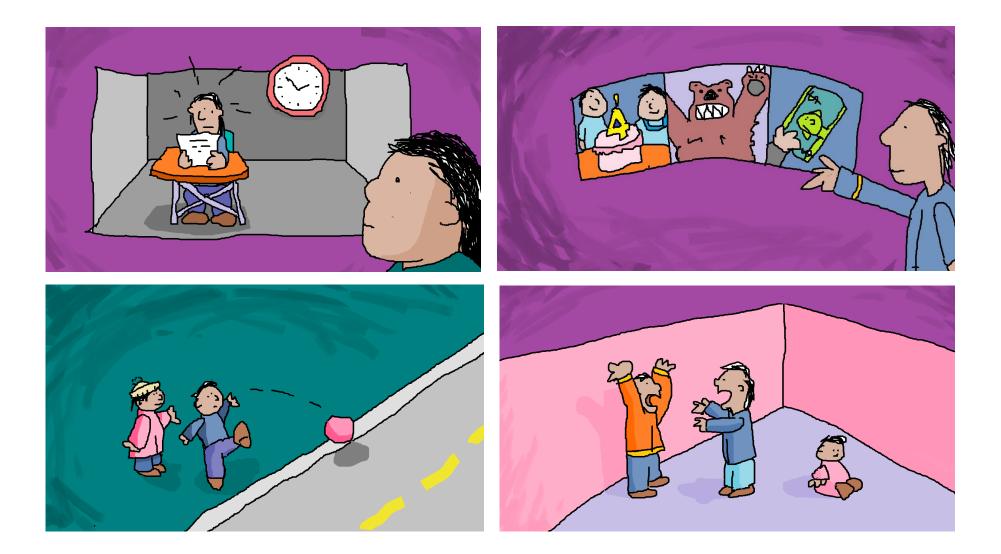


Source: Understanding the effects of maltreatment on early brain development, Child Welfare Information Gateway (October, 2001). Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families Children's Bureau, Washington, DC.

Childhood trauma facilitated discussion app







Why brain health literacy?

- 1. Informed patients can make better decisions about their care.
- 2. Reduce anxiety.
- 3. Reduce social stigma.
- 4. Increase uptake of treatment.
- 5. Help communities plan and respond to public health needs.
- 6. If we don't give patients information, they'll get it themselves from other sources, and that information may be wrong, incomplete, or harmful.
- 7. New technology makes patient education affordable, more engaging than ever.

Discussion

Questions and feedback

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