STETHAID: MOBILE TECHNOLOGY FOR SMART AUSCULTATION IN CHILDREN

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Using StethAid, we recorded heart sounds of 312 pediatric patients at two UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention hospitals to be utilized as an independent test set. The algorithm identifies Still’s murmur with high accuracy at the point of care and support their decisions regarding referral to a specialist. We have created a stethoscope that connects to a smartphone and developed a custom mobile application that records heart sounds and, using machine learning, analyzes them for the presence of a Still’s murmur. This solution is called StethAid. The algorithm to identify Still’s murmur has been developed and tested utilizing a pediatric heart murmur library of over 1800 patients with clinically documented diagnoses compiled at Children’s National Health System. Using StethAid, we recorded heart sounds of 312 pediatric patients at two UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention hospitals to be utilized as an independent test set. The algorithm identifies Still’s murmur with a sensitivity of 89% and specificity of 97%. The proposed technology could potentially lower the current high rate of referrals to pediatric cardiologists associated with Still’s murmur.

OC65 NORMATIVE NEONATAL FACIAL BIO-METRICS IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FOR NON-INVASIVE EARLY DETECTION OF GENETIC DISORDER

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The majority of infants who required pharmacological intervention for NAS during their postnatal observation period were diagnosed within the first 120 HOL. Those at-risk infants, born to mothers with a known history of exposure, who have a negative urine toxicology screen for both babby and mother, should be monitored beyond 5 days as they tend to have a later presentation.

Perinatal identification of genetic syndromes with facial dysmorphology is challenging due to subtle manifestations and population variability. Recent studies have shown that genetic syndromes manifest differently on populations of different ancestries. The purpose of this study is to quantify the distribution of facial biometrics of healthy newborns among the local population of the United Arab Emirates. In this first study of its kind, we collected frontal facial pictures from 504 healthy newborns without facial dysmorphology (252 males and 252 females, age range 0–4 days, gestational age at birth range 37–42 weeks) between October 2015 and March 2017 at hospitals in the network of the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Health and Prevention: Al Qassimi Hospital in Sharjah and Fujairah Hospital. We measured a set of distances and angles between facial landmarks on the eyes, nose and mouth in all pictures. Horizontal and vertical distances were normalized as a percentage with respect to the distance between lateral canthi and the eye-to-mouth distance, respectively. The average axes of the palpebral fissures were 27±3% and 9±3%. The distance between the medial canthi was 47±4%. The average angle between each medial canthus with respect to the corresponding lateral canthus and the other medial canthus—a measure of slanting of the eyes—was 176±4 degrees. The distance between the oral comissures was 48±6%. The nose length was 35±8%. This first normative reference of facial biometrics in newborns in the United Arab Emirates has great potential to support the perinatal identification of genetic conditions through quantitative facial analysis.

OC66 SUCCESSFUL PILOT INTRODUCTION OF A ‘VIRTUAL CLINIC’ FOR A REGIONAL COHORT OF PATIENTS WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES

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Background Among Irish paediatric centres, 30% are not meeting the recommendation of three-monthly review of patients with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D). Long waiting times are encountered by our patient cohort at outpatient clinics, along with a sometimes passive approach to reflective dose adjustment. We wished to explore the feasibility of a targeted educational intervention using a ‘virtual clinic’ in a sample of our population, given the well-described challenges with rural broadband provision in the West of Ireland.

Aim Primary outcome was the proportion of successfully completed internet ‘virtual clinic’ appointments with participants, including successful pre-clinic download of insulin pump data. Secondary outcomes included setting adjustments, impact on glycaemic control, appointment duration and user satisfaction, the latter by qualitative survey.

Methods Participants using insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitoring systems were recruited from out-patients. Intervention consisted of 3 ‘virtual clinic’ sessions at 10–14 day intervals using ‘Skype for Business®’ to connect the diabetes team with the family in their home. Data were collated in Excel, with postal HbA1c.
CAREER SATISFACTION AMONG PEDIATRIC RESIDENTS IN TWO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (IRELAND AND TURKEY): A COMPARATIVE STUDY

Aim The aim of this study was to conduct a nationwide evaluation of career satisfaction and training experience among pediatric residents in both Ireland and Turkey.

Patients and methods Questionnaires were designed by the authors and distributed electronically to pediatric residents in Istanbul and Ankara, Turkey. The same questionnaire was translated into English and distributed to pediatric residents in Ireland in paper format. Data was collected on demographics (age, gender), characteristics of training institution, exposure to physical or psychological violence, average number of night shifts per month, and satisfaction with training institution.

Results Resident satisfaction was approximated using a composite score of academic and professional satisfaction. Resident satisfaction was rated as excellent by 100% of participants, with 100% wishing for such a service to be a continued part of their child’s care.

Conclusion This prospective observational cohort study showed that connection by ‘virtual clinic’ is feasible in rural Ireland, with high rates of user satisfaction and a positive impact on overall glycemic control of participants.

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OC67 THE BACKPACK WEIGHTS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR BACKPACK USE STATUS

Objective Inappropriate backpack use may cause several health problems in children such as shoulder, waist, back pain and postural disorders. These problems reduce the quality of life of children and affect their success in their educational lives. The aim of this study was to determine the usage and weight of backpacks carried by primary school children.

Method This descriptive cross-sectional study was carried out in full semester of 2016–2017 academic year. The sample of the study consisted of 374 students aged between 6–11 years, selected by random sampling method from three different public primary schools in Ankara, the capital city of Turkey. Data was gathered from personal information form and ideal backpack usage checklist based on literature. Descriptive statistics, independent t-test and one way ANOVA were used for data analysis.

Results 53.9% of the children participating in the study were male, the mean age was 8.33 ± 1.32 years. The mean backpack weight was 4.03 kg and represented 14.4% of their body weight. 96.2% of them carried backpacks with both straps, 54.2% of the backpacks had not full contact with their back, 42.1% of the backpacks stands below on their back and none of them using a waist belt. As children aged and classes increased, the weight of carrying bag increased (p<0.01).

Conclusion The result of this study indicated that the children of primary schools carried backpacks heavier than 10% of their body weights and had inappropriate backpack usage. The results show the necessity of taking measures for appropriate backpack use and informing children, families, and teachers.