Investigating temporal changes in percent Ponseti technique for congenital talipes

Abstracts

84 INVESTIGATING TEMPORAL CHANGES IN PERCENT PREDICTED FVC AND RULM SCORE IN NON-AMBULANT SMA TYPE III CHILDREN

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Results We were able to define 4 discrete clusters of patients based on 9 routinely collected clinical variables using data from 537 patients and 12200 encounters. Lung function outcomes were not used to define the clusters, however, there was a distinction between the different clusters, such that the cluster with the poorest outcomes also had the worst lung function. The cluster with the poorest outcomes also had the greatest risk of hospitalisation and pulmonary exacerbation, which suggests that the approach correctly identifies patients with a more severe disease phenotype. The results were consistent in the GOSH clinical data.

Conclusion Four clusters of pediatric CF patients were identified with corresponding differences in clinical characteristics and outcomes. Future work will identify risk factors for transitioning to a severe disease cluster, and those factors that may improve health outcomes.

85 AUGMENTING SOFT TOYS FOR SELF-REPORTING WELL-BEING

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It can be difficult for children to express and reflect on how they are feeling to others. As such, we hypothesise that children can use technology to express and reflect on their well-being. Existing research suggests that tangible interfaces offer a potential of being able to help capture well-being in hospitals for children, such as capitalising on young children’s attraction to toys and play as a way for children to communicate and process their inner thoughts.

An aim was to develop a prototype to enable children to communicate and express how they are feeling with others. To ensure that prototypes were safe and appropriate, we involved The Young Persons’ Advisory Group and the Play team to provide vicarious insights about a child’s experiences as part of the design process. This process helped to identify user experience challenges such as when reflecting on the potential for negative experiences. From the insights gained, we developed a system that allows children to augment existing toys to make toys interactive and give children a sense of ownership. There were two key modes of interaction, firstly the soft toy acting as the input mechanism for data to be collected. Secondly, there was a visualisation display which would then render the data for children in an accessible way for them to reflect on.

To ensure that the system was safe and appropriate before children used it, we used a ‘proxy’ method to evaluate the system with researchers using prototypes in the wild. It was found that by having a two-pronged approach was considered valuable: (i) the tangible nature of collecting input provided a physical experience of being able to capture and reflect on well-being at the same time, and (ii) viewing visualisations from the system had a positive impact on the self-awareness of well-being.

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