Supplementary Online Content


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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.
eAppendix 1. Parent focus group/interview guide

Part 1. Knowledge of ophthalmologic follow-up

READ: Let’s talk about vision care

PROBE: Were any of you told about the need to have vision/eye follow-up care for your child after hospital discharge?

ADDITIONAL PROBES:
If so, where did you hear about it (doctor, internet, etc)?
What did you learn about vision care?

IF CLARIFICATION NEEDED: Follow-up with an eye doctor can be helpful sometimes to make sure there are no problems with vision early on.

Part 2. Receipt of ophthalmologic follow-up care

READ: Let’s now talk about receiving vision care.

PROBE: Has your child received vision services since he/she was discharged from the hospital? ASK FOR SHOW OF HANDS - ENTER NUMBER: ________

IF ANY DID NOT RECEIVE: If your child did not, what was the reason for not having vision follow-up care?

IF ANY YES: By whom? When? If your child is being followed for eye issues, what was the reason for the follow-up?

Part 3. Ophthalmologic referral/transition to home process

READ: Let’s now talk about the process of receiving vision care for your child.

PROBE: What were some difficulties you had when you were trying to get eye care for your child? What helped your family cope with the difficulties you encountered?

ADDITIONAL PROBES:
• Was there an eye follow-up referral made for your child after discharge?
• Did you make an appointment yourself?
• If no appointment was made, did you have trouble making the appointment for your child?
• If an appointment was made for your child, did you have trouble taking your child to the eye doctor?
• If you did not take your child to his/her eye appointment, what was the reason for missing the appointment?
• Is it generally easy to find an eye doctor in your area?
eAppendix 2. Provider interview guide

1. Do you have any patients requiring ophthalmologic follow-up after hospital discharge?
2. How do you typically connect your patients to the ophthalmologic services in your institution? AND after discharge from the hospital?
3. What types of issues do you or your patients face when you are trying to connect preterm infants to ophthalmologic services? AND after discharge from the hospital? *(Jot down barriers that are mentioned)*
4. Can you rank them in the order of difficulty? Please list the most difficult one as “1”.
5. Which barriers do you think are the hardest for you, or your patients/clients to overcome?
6. Can you give some examples of each type of barriers?
7. What types of families have the most trouble overcoming each of the barriers?
8. Can you suggest ways to overcome these barriers?