



## Research Unlocked: Making research publications accessible to clients and families

### Rationale

- Tangible barriers exist for clients and families trying to access research findings, limiting their opportunities to understand and use the research to inform important health care decisions
- To address this gap, *Research Unlocked* was created

### What is Research Unlocked?

- It is a process that transforms research publications into easily-accessible and meaningful research summaries for children, youth, families and the broader community

### Project Team

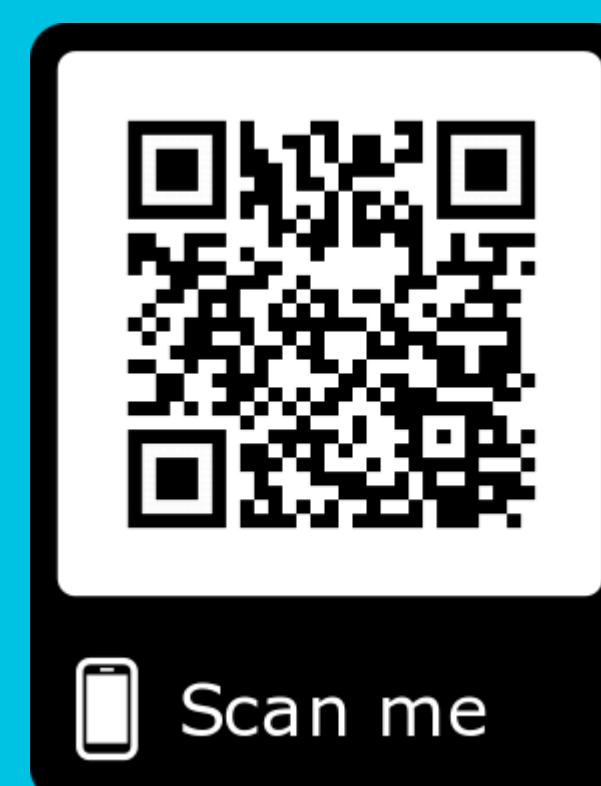
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### Programs involved

- Bloorview Research Institute
- Client and Family Integrated Care
- Evidence to Care
- Research Family Engagement Committee (RFEC)
- Centre for Leadership (funding)



*Research Unlocked*  
transforms scientific journal articles  
into easy-to-read, actionable summaries  
to make research findings  
easy to use and easy to access



### Approach

- A co-creation process was used involving a needs assessment and workshop activities, capturing scientist and family perspectives

### Outputs

- Using this approach, the RFEC and Project Team established:
  - criteria for selecting research papers with relevant and actionable outcomes
  - a template for sharing meaningful information
  - a bank of graphic assets for visual design
  - 11 lay summaries

### Benefits

- *Research Unlocked* offers:
  - Quality summaries that maintains scientific integrity of research
  - A true co-creation process with scientists and families
  - High readability
  - Health Literacy and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion stamp of approval
  - Enhanced access via Hospital online distribution mechanisms

### Launch

- *Research Unlocked* was launched June 5, 2019
- 11 lay summaries will be made available over the year
- Scientists are encouraged to take advantage of the *Research Unlocked* process to promote equitable and meaningful access to science for all

### Next steps

- A 10-step coordinated fee-for-service process is now available to BRI scientists and investigators to use that meets lay summary requirements of many funding agencies and journals