Project title:

Exploring the Experiences of Youth with Concussion and their Families in an Interdisciplinary Team-based assessment

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Background & Rationale:

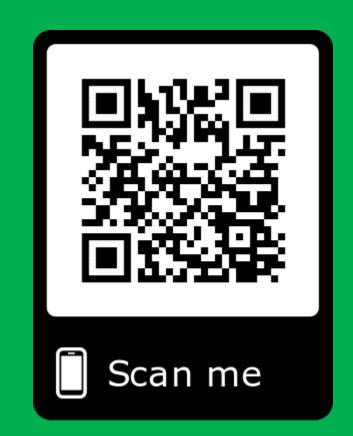
- Concussion is a mild traumatic brain injury induced by biomechanical forces.
- Persistent concussion symptoms (PCS)
 = physical, cognitive and affective.
- Access to appropriate and interdisciplinary-based care is essential for individuals with PCS.
- There are no guidelines regarding how these interdisciplinary services should be organized.
- The Persistent Concussion Clinic at Holland Bloorview has developed an interdisciplinary team-based assessment for youth with concussion and their families.

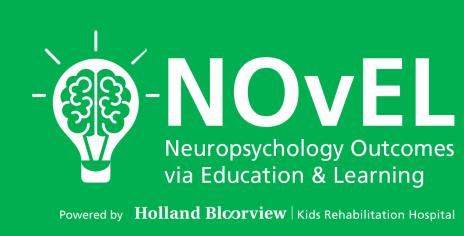
Objective:

 To describe the key elements of the interdisciplinary team-based assessment from the perspective of youth and guardians

Methods:

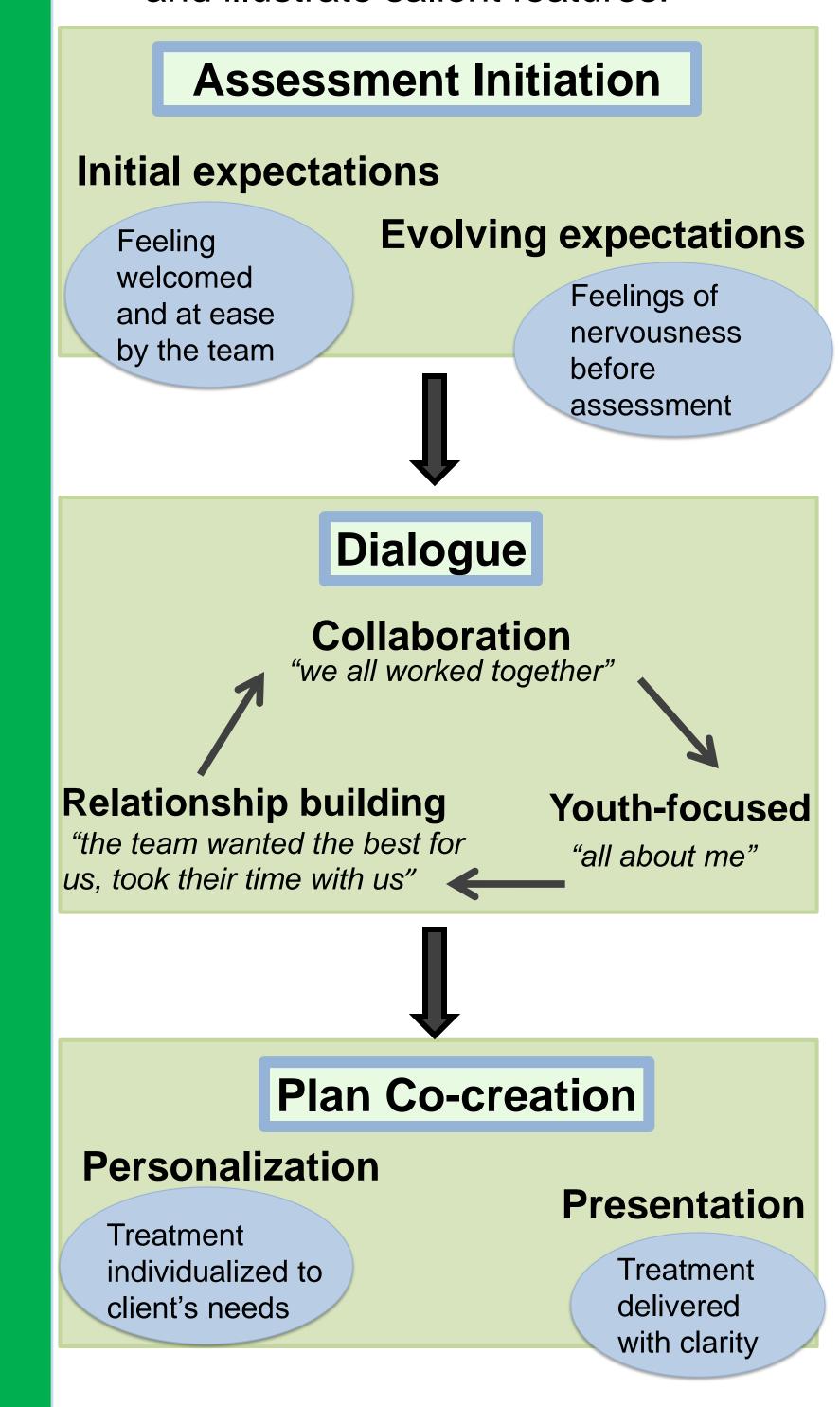
 A qualitative descriptive study using semi-structured interviews with sample n = 13 [seven youths aged 8-17 years and six guardians]. It is important to involve youth clients and their families as active participants within concussion care





Results:

 The conceptual model captures the experiences of clients from start till the conclusion of the assessment process and illustrate salient features:



Relevance:

 Conceptual model provides insights on the clients' experience of the team-based assessment.

Conclusions and Next Steps:

Results will help produce recommendations that aid in future protocols of concussion management