

Future-proofing self-management support for children growing up with long term conditions: Development and evaluation of digital resources

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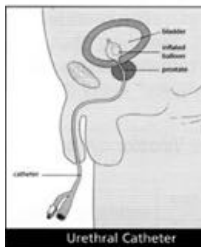
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Presentation outline

- The growing challenges of complex self-management responsibilities
- Caring for the future through digital self-management resources:
 - In research
 - In practice



Simon Stones- Patient advocate & PhD student, University of Leeds



The challenges for HCPs....

- More and more complex clinical care is delivered in the home/school/workplace
- Increasingly diverse populations
- Literacy, numeracy and language
- Teaching families to competently self-manage conditions

The evidence....

Systematic reviews ²⁻⁷

- Some aspects of self management span multiple conditions
- CYP & parents learn in different ways, have differing information and support needs, and cope differently to self-management
- A lack of rigorously developed and evaluated self management support interventions

- What happens early in life affects health and wellbeing in later life...we are not doing as well as we should to achieve good health and wellbeing outcomes for our children¹
- Resources need to be evidence-based and continually updated
- Children and young people ought to be involved from the outset

Maternal Child & Family Research Group

Children, Young People & Families (CHYPs) Research Strand

**Childhood
long-term
conditions**

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Interventions
supporting
children,
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health
professionals
managing care

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Interventions to
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people's
participation in
healthcare

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Involving
children &
families in care
& care
decisions

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Health,
wellbeing and
supportive care
in individuals
with long-term
conditions

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Rodriguez

CYP & families: research partners

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INVOLVE defines

‘involvement’ as research being carried out ‘with’ or ‘by’ members of the public rather than ‘to’, ‘about’ or ‘for’ them.

This might include involving people in setting research priorities, design, carrying out the research, analysis, reporting and dissemination, rather than participating in research

<http://www.invo.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/involvingcyp-top-tips-January2016.pdf>

Consultation is the process by which children and young people are asked their opinions – on a specific issue or broader agenda (eg as research participants)

PLAnT study

The diagram consists of three horizontal rows. Each row features a colored rounded rectangle on the left containing a study name, followed by a thin line that extends to the right and then turns downwards to connect to the next row's structure. The top row is red, the middle is green, and the bottom is purple.

OPIS study

CAPP study

**Parent Learning Needs
and Preferences
Assessment Tool (PLAnT)
study**

Background

Professionals spend time promoting parents' learning and monitoring clinical care-giving

Little evidence to inform parent-teaching interventions

Our recently completed Teaching Parents Study

**Phase 1: mixed–
method
systematic review**

- identify parents' learning needs and preferences
- inform healthcare professional support to parents

**Phase 2:
development &
refinement**

- interviews with parents & professionals to develop PLAnT
- participants commented on PLAnT via interviews or survey

**Phase 3: pre-pilot
evaluation**

- administration of PLAnT
- individual qualitative interviews

The PLAnT

People differ in how much information and support they want around their child's kidney condition and care and how they like to receive the information. Your answers to these questions will help the staff in the children's kidney team to understand your needs. Your needs may change over time so you can update your answers later if you want to.

Name of child:

Name of parent/carer completing the form:

Relationship to the child:

Date:

5. Which sentence best describes how much information you want about your child's kidney condition and care? Tick the one you agree with:

a. I want the simplest information you can give me.	
b. I want more than the simplest information. But keep it in everyday terms.	
c. I want more than the simplest information. I also want help to understand things in depth.	
d. I want as much in-depth and detailed information as you can give to me.	

6. Compared to what you want, the information you get right now is: (circle one)

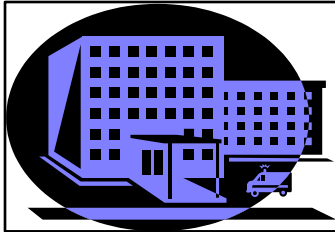
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Findings (1):

23 studies



11 British kidney units

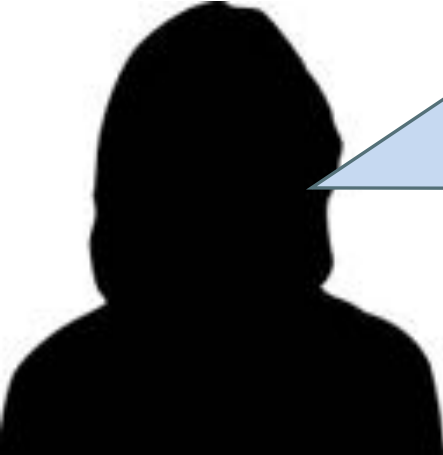


23 parents/carers



22 health care professionals

Findings (2):



Because a parent is as individual as a child's medical condition, so everything is individual, and if you don't know how a parent wants you to tell them things, and how they want to know things, you don't know that you're giving them the right amount of information

Findings (3):

As professionals get to know parents better they develop an understanding

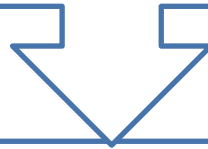
However, sometimes professionals can misjudge parents' needs

Parents views:
- valued being asked
- professionals know already

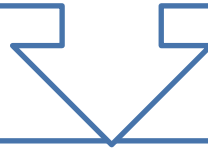
Professionals views:
- asking parents directly
- putting it into practice

Summary

Professionals may be guided in their assessment of parents' learning needs and preferences



This could optimise delivery of home-based care



We now seeking funding to test PLAnT for reliability, validity and cost-effectiveness

The Online Parent Information & Support study

Background

- Lack of evidence-based, user-led web resources to help with home-based care
 - combine information with at least one additional service e.g. decision support, behaviour change support or peer support
 - have a positive effect on knowledge, social support, clinical outcomes and self efficacy⁸



The OPIS study aims

Phase 1

- explore parent/child/professional/voluntary sector views on: existing and new on-line forms of information/support, the forms parents prefer and how these would best be delivered

Phase 2

- collaboratively develop an on-line parent information and support package (OPIS) to facilitate care-giving.

Phase 3

- conduct a pilot RCT of OPIS with parents to assess its impact on parental self efficacy.
- finalise trial components and define a protocol for a later national definitive RCT.

Reference: Swallow V, Knafl K, Santacroce S, Hall A, Smith T, Campbell M, Webb NJA: The Online Parent Information and Support project, meeting parents' information and support needs for home-based management of childhood chronic kidney disease: research protocol. Journal of Advanced Nursing 2012, 68(9):2095-2102.

Research design

- **Phase 1:** interviews/focus groups (Total 70 patients, parents and professionals)
- **Phase 2:** developed/tested resources, defined A & O for feasibility RCT (15 parents, 8 patients 6 professionals)
- **Phase 3:** Pilot RCT of usual support vs usual supplemented by OPIS (55 parents randomised)
 - Primary outcome measure Family Management Measure (FaMM)
 - 2nd outcome measures: Dads Active Disease Support Scale (DADS), Family Empowerment Scale (FES)

Reference: Knafl K, Deatrick JA, Gallo A, Dixon J, Grey M, Knafl G, et al. Assessment of the psychometric properties of the Family Management Measure. J Pediatr Psychol 2011 Jun;36(5):494-505 [doi: 10.1093/jpepsy/jsp034]

OPIS Features and Benefits

FEATURES

- Video of 'how to do' clinical procedures
- Case studies
- Renal recipes
- Child friendly puzzles
- Links to other websites
- Family-to-family area
- Glossary of Terms & FAQs

BENEFITS

- Can be accessed anywhere.
- Videos can be watched and replayed
- Up-to-date, trustworthy, reliable
- Colourful and interactive to aid learning
- Helps staff by answering regularly asked questions

Finished Website

Videos – to guide care givers; showing how to administer injections and haemodialysis.



OPIS – Care Giving Information



The screenshot displays the OPIS website for Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The header features a logo with four children and the text 'Online Parent Information & Support'. Navigation tabs include Home, About Us, Care-Giving Information (selected), Puzzle Zone, Family To Family, Links, Hospital Information, and Glossary. A secondary navigation bar lists Kidney Health, Case Studies, What to Eat and Drink, FAQs, Drug Information, and Doctor - Patient Role. A left sidebar contains expandable menus for these same categories. The main content area is titled 'YOU ARE HERE: Care-Giving Information' and includes a 'Medical Information' section with a kidney diagram and a welcome message. Below this are four topic-specific boxes: Transplant, What to Eat and Drink, Case Studies, and Medicines, each with a brief description and a button to explore further.

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Home About Us **Care-Giving Information** Puzzle Zone Family To Family Links Hospital Information Glossary

Kidney Health Case Studies What to Eat and Drink FAQs Drug Information Doctor - Patient Role

YOU ARE HERE: Care-Giving Information

Medical Information

Welcome to the medical information section where there are a variety of resources to support learning about renal related topics. In this section we will look at how patients and parents use pre dialysis, dialysis and transplant care techniques to maintain patient health. This area goes into general and fine detail about all of the procedures and approaches you may come across as a patient and their parent/carer.

Transplant
Find all about what a transplant entails
Transplants

What to Eat and Drink
Find out what is best to eat and drink for your kidneys
Eat & Drink

Case Studies
Hear about other people who have needed renal care
Case Studies

Medicines
Learn more about renal medicines
Medicines

OPIS – Puzzle Zone



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OPIS – Family to Family



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Family to Family

Use the forum below to communicate with other families on a variety of renal related issues.

To start talking with other people who might have similar concerns or experiences you can either use the shoutbox or forum.

The **ShoutBox** allows you to quickly chat with people.

To update your profile select "My Profile" to see you messages, or edit your profile, for example to add an electronic signature.

If you want to view a particular thread (issue) then click on the blue text next to the yellow folder to find out what other people have said.

If you want to further information on how to use the forum please click on the "Help" link after "Forum | Search | Members | Team" below "My Albums | My Topics".

Your postings on this forum will be visible to other members of the OPIS project.

By using this web site, you agree to be contacted by site administration, regardless of your account settings, when it becomes necessary to do so regarding your account activity.

ShoutBox

Chat with other members

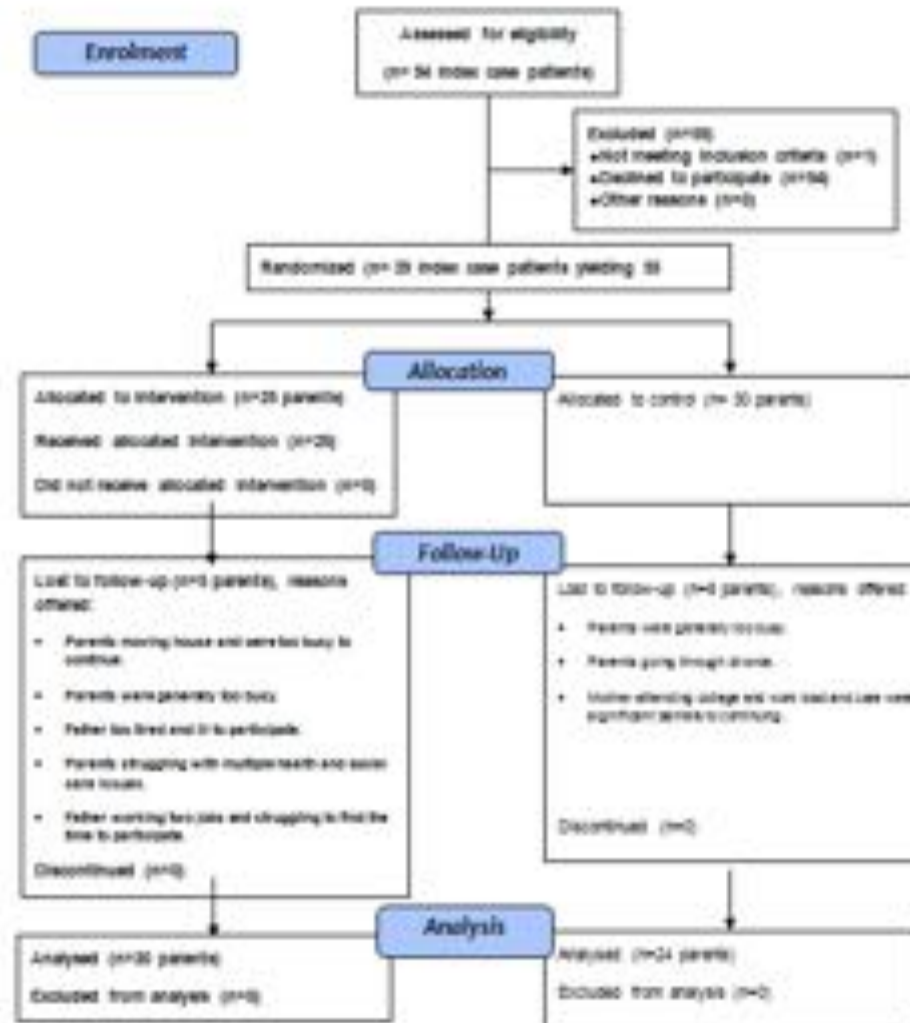
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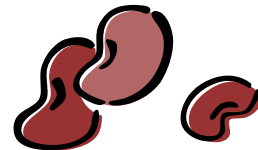
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CONSORT Diagram



Phase 3- RCT Results (1)

- Twenty parents accessed OPIS with a mean of 23.3 (SD 20.8, range 2 to 64) visits per user.
- Suitability Assessment of Materials (SAM)
- User Interface Satisfaction (USE)



RCT Results (2)

FaMM:

View of Condition Impact Scale approached sig $p = 0.096$

Management Ability improved after OPIS trial

DADS: Mean 'Helpfulness' was higher in OPIS group (80.8 v 69.1), ($p = 0.055$) with a moderate-to-large effect size (Cohen's $d = 0.71$).

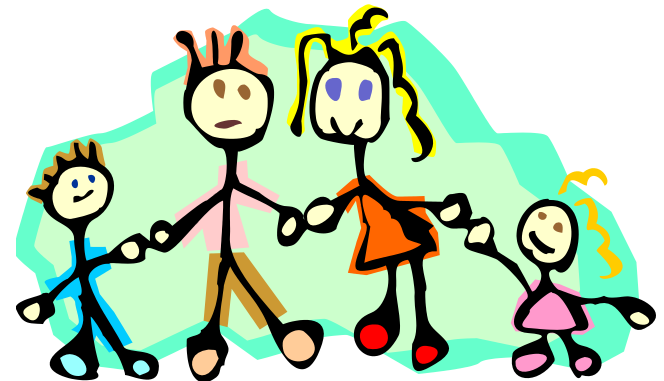
RCT results (3)

- Adjusted mean FaMM Condition Management Ability Scale, intervention group 44.5 versus control group 41.9, difference 2.6, 95% CI -1.6 to 6.7.
- Between group differences in FaMM Family Life Difficulty Scale (39.9 vs 36.3, difference 3.7, 95% CI -4.9 to 12.2) agree with qualitative observation that OPIS helped parents achieve understanding

RCT Results (4)

Qualitative suggestions include:

- refinement of OPIS components
- enabling personalisation of OPIS functionalities
- proactive endorsements of OPIS by professionals.



Recommendations

Parents, children & professionals:

- Create bespoke versions for CYP and parents
- Adapt and extend it to:
 - A digital-app for smart-phones
 - Stages 1-5 CKD UK-wide
 - Other conditions that also need complex home-based condition-management ⁹⁻¹²

Conclusions

- OPIS feasible to implement into standard practice
- Our design and methodology being used as a platform to adapt OPIS
- Proposal developed to co-produce a self-management app for CYP and parents

Smartphone apps¹³



- widely used by healthy children & those with long-term conditions
- now poised to become major source of health-guidance
- app-development processes seldom systematic [1]
- effective/cost-effective novel, digital apps are critical and timely

Care-management APPlication (CAPP) study

Qualitative studies to determine app content

CKD¹⁴

36 people were interviewed

6 x children
aged 5-10

6 x young
people aged
11-14

5 x young
people aged
15-18

12 x parents

7 x
professionals

Arthritis¹⁵

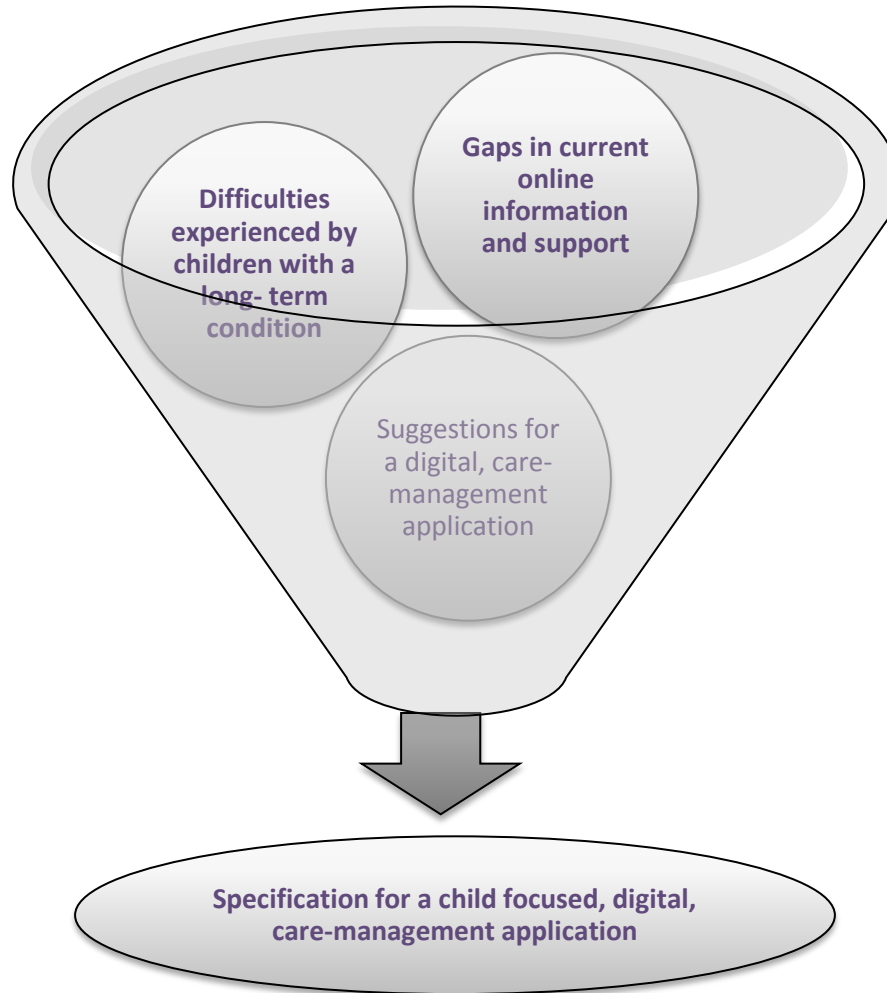
25 people interviewed:

9 x young
people aged
10-18

8 x parents

8 x
professionals

Overview of study findings



Theme 1-Gaps in current provision

Most of the sites regarding stuff like diet are like forums, so anyone can post, so there's not really that much reliability...the Kidney Foundation or something, that's pretty reliable obviously 'cause it's a government website, so I use that mostly (Young person aged 17)

Theme 1-Gaps in current provision (2)

the written information's a bit dull, ...not hugely fit for purpose, it's not interactive,. You look at kids now and the way they learn is through iPads and apps, and it's all of this isn't it? And I think we're [professionals] quite behind on that, but it's just trying to find the time to develop that. (Professional)

Theme 2: Difficulties experienced by children

*I only have one friend, but she always asks how I am and everything, and I tell her, because she understands what I've been through. But, the only thing is, I only tell her, but I think she keeps telling everyone, when I say at the end of our conversation, 'please don't tell anyone else, because they tell everyone else as well'.
(Young person B, aged 11)*

Theme 2: Difficulties experienced by children (2)

don't really like looking at the websites...because it reminds me of how much I'm different from all the rest of my friends. (Child aged 8)

he'll have his transplant and then he'll move on and have a relatively normal life. And that's what I want for him.. So I want him to feel like he understands his condition .. but I don't want it to define him. I want it to just be something that's part of him. (Parent A, 13 year old child)

Theme 3: Suggestions for an app

I think an app would probably be better, rather than going on a website to do it, because apps are more convenient. You don't have to type anything up and you can just click on it (Young person aged 16)

The knowledge about the transplant process, and pictures, and she can look at it for herself, instead of me telling her, or somebody else telling her. (Parent B, 13 year old child)

Theme 3: Suggestions for an app (2)

Some sort of planner on it, when their appointments are, little alerts for medication, that might help, especially as they're beginning to transition, giving them a bit more independence (Professional)

If I was in a shop and I could, like, scan something, and if it told me what it had in it,...and, it could rule out if it has phosphate, and it could tell you what's in it, and if it's a bad thing, that you're not allowed, it could be in red, so you know that it's bad (Young person aged 13)

Conclusion/Future work

- Co-producing and evaluating child and parent friendly condition-management apps
- Involving families in the process
- Future app to be informed by these findings

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Digibete

- <https://www.digibete.org/>

International Family Nursing Association

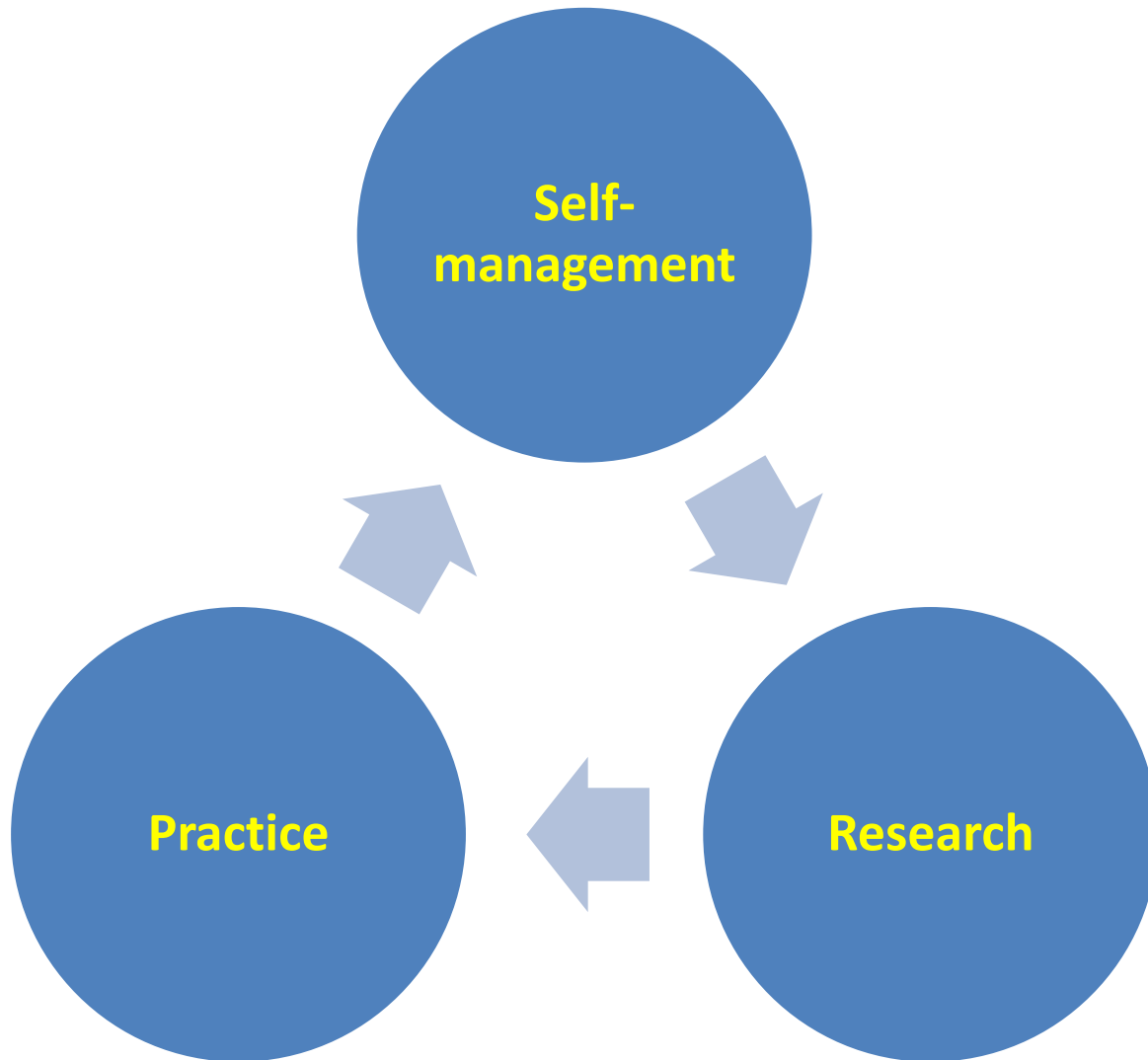
- <https://internationalfamilynursing.org/>
- Currently 397 members, representing 33 countries
- All welcome to join
- Fab resources available on line
- Next IFNA Conference Aug 2018, Washington DC
- UK & Ireland Family Nursing Chapter

Conclusion/Future work

Working with families and staff to design digital self-management interventions is:

- Very worthwhile
- A privilege
- Likely to contribute to improved outcomes for patients and families

Future apps to be informed by these findings



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