Significance and contributions to injury and violence prevention science Although previous trauma recidivism research has identified risk factors for recidivism, it has largely remained within the field of medicine as a medical issue. Merging social science and medical constructs and processes, improving research on social and cultural influences on health, and integrating basic social science theories, concepts, and methods into applied health research is imperative to moving the field of injury prevention forward. Integration of social science research with the biological and behavioral sciences is an essential component of this task. reported leaving their child alone on a bed without a railing. Nearly 33% of parents (46% of which have a high school diploma or less) reported not using safety guards on all windows. Parents reported not using stair gates 48% of the time, with 55% of those parents having completed less than a Bachelor’s Degree. Also, 67% of parents (all on Medicaid) reported their child wore a helmet ‘sometimes’ or ‘never’ while riding a bicycle. Even though 79% of parents ‘strongly agreed’ to having the knowledge to protect their child from being injured by a fall, 63% of parents reported ‘sometimes’ or ‘rarely’ watching their child when on playground equipment.

**AGE DIFFERENCES IN FIREARM INJURIES TREATED IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND RELATED COSTS IN THE US, 2006 TO 2016**

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Statement of Purpose There is a lack of consensus regarding age- and intent-related differences in the burden of non-fatal firearm injuries. We determined the time trends in burden and costs of age- and intent-specific non-fatal firearm injuries presenting to US emergency departments (EDs) differentiated by survival after treatment to correctly estimate non-fatal injuries.

Methods We performed a retrospective study of the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Program Nationwide Emergency Department Survey (NEDS) from 2006 to 2016. We present survey-weighted counts, proportions, means, and rates, and confidence intervals of national and age groups (0–4, 5–9, 10–14, 15–17, 18–44, 45–64, 65–84, >84 years) specific ED discharges for firearm injuries. Inflation-adjusted charges were applied to costs.

Results There were a total of 1,033,771 ED visits for firearm injuries from 2006 to 2016 and 6.8% died in the ED. The firearm injury ED rates remained steady, while ED death rates declined slightly during 11-years. There was also a slight decline in firearm ED visits in children (0–17), but the largest burden was between 18–44 years (20.8 per 100,000) with stable rates. Assault injuries declined from 39.7% to 36.4% overall with a significant drop in all age groups, while unintentional injuries increased from 46.4% to 54.7% overall and in all age groups. There were significant declines in legal intervention injuries. The total charges were $3,777,264,968 ($369,006,396/year) and increased across time in all subgroups. The mean predicted charges increased from $2,386 to $3,975 among those discharged alive versus $1,322 to $2,203 among those who died in ED.

Conclusions The burden of firearm injury treated in ED is among young adults. Interventions and programs to reduce firearm violence should include non-fatal injuries as they live with ongoing morbidity and economic burden.

**Factors Associated with Perception of Life Expectancy in Assault-Injured Urban Youth: An Emergency Department Sample**

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Statement of Purpose This study aimed to identify factors associated with perception of minimized life expectancy in assault-injured youth, a population at-risk for future assault-related injuries.

Methods/Approach Assault-injured youth (n=188; ages 10–15 years; 61% male; 96% black) were recruited from two urban pediatric emergency departments (Baltimore, MD, Philadelphia, PA) to participate in a mentoring intervention to prevent violence. At enrollment, youth were asked ‘Do you think you will live to 35?’; youth responding ‘yes’ (optimistic life expectancy) were compared to youth responding ‘maybe’ (uncertain life expectancy) using descriptive statistics, t-tests and chi-square analysis.

Results Although there were no differences between the groups in age, gender or socioeconomic status, youth with an uncertain life expectancy (31.4%, n=59) were more likely to have a family member injured by violence (61.0% vs. 43.4%, p=0.028) or in a gang (42.1% vs. 19.2%, p=0.002) and less likely to take steps to avoid a fight (57.6% vs. 76.7%, p=0.01) or think about consequences before acting (70.7% vs. 87.6%, p=0.007). These youth were also more likely to believe that revenge is a good thing (47.4% vs. 29.0%, p=0.019), and think about suicide (42.9% vs. 7.9%, p<0.001). Finally, youth with an uncertain life expectancy felt less likely to go to college or have a successful career, and more likely to have difficulty finding a good job in adulthood.

Conclusions One third of assault-injured early adolescents expressed uncertainty of living until age 35. Several risk factors and behaviors were identified as being associated with possible risk of premature death.

**Strengthening Research Partnership and Health Care Systems to Prevent Violence: A SWOT Analysis**

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Purpose The Jefferson Center for Injury Research and Prevention (JCIRP) is a full entity of the Department of Surgery’s Trauma Division and the College of Nursing at Thomas Jefferson University (JCIRP) is a full entity of the Department of Surgery’s Trauma Division and the College of Nursing at Thomas Jefferson University. Abstracts

Jefferson University. The ability to have stakeholders at the table, with the sole mission of saving life and reducing disability, exemplifies the importance of strengthening research partnerships in a health care system. Our injury science experts devote themselves to conducting research, providing education, engaging social entrepreneurship and partnering with communities in the Delaware Valley and beyond. The aim of this activity, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis is to evaluate the effectiveness of an injury-based research partnership within an academic, medical and trauma center.

Methods/Approach The constant monitoring and a periodic review and reformation of health systems are of fundamental importance in all countries of the world, in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare services delivery, quality, equity, and sustainable financing (Han, 2012). To identify the SWOT of JCIRP a thorough analysis was completed by the center’s leadership and stakeholders. Through this analysis, facilitators and barriers were identified that helped cultivate the growth of our research center.

Results Analysis of the SWOT analysis identified four prominent themes. The accessibility of multidisciplinary professionals with a common interest of injury research and prevention and continued opportunities to enhance research partnerships in various disciplines at Jefferson was a commonality. The demonstration of return on investment in injury prevention research and advocacy and the controversial nature of violence prevention research in an ICRC were identified barriers to the successful implementation of an ICRC.

Conclusion The benefits of interdisciplinary partnerships and the investment of enterprise support are integral for the success of an ICRC.

Significance and Contribution Strengthening research partnerships in an ICRC through various disciplines will afford us the opportunity to continue injury prevention research.

### ASSOCIATION BETWEEN GUN OWNER ATTITUDES AND THEIR BEHAVIOR IN PRIVATE FIREARM SALES

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Statement of Purpose Federal government only regulates individuals ‘in the business’ of selling firearms, leaving private firearm sales unregulated unless action is taken at the state level. Private sellers are less likely than licensed dealers to conduct background checks and most guns used in crime originate from sales in unregulated markets. This study examines whether private sellers’ attitude that it is the responsibility of a seller to ensure buyers passed a background check prior to making a sale is associated with them checking purchasers for eligibility on their last sale.

Methods/Approach This study uses data from a nationally representative, web-based survey of 1,444 individuals who personally owned guns. Respondents who self-reported participating in the private market (N=238) were asked whether they had ensured purchasers were eligible to buy a firearm on their last private sale. Respondents were also asked to rate the extent to which they agreed it was a seller’s responsibility to ensure purchasers had passed a background check. Logistic regression was used to test for differences in behaviors based on sellers’ perception of responsibility for ensuring purchaser eligibility.

Results Just 44% of respondents checked purchasers for eligibility on their last private sale. Less than half (46%) of private sellers agreed that it is seller responsibility to ensure purchasers passed a background check. Agreement was significantly associated with reporting ensuring purchasers were eligible to own a firearm on their last private sale (58% to 36%).

Conclusion A low number of background checks in the private market are occurring. Increasing sellers’ feelings of responsibility may increase background and permit checks in the private market.

### THE USE OF HOSPITAL DISCHARGE DATA TO COUNT SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN MINNESOTA

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Statement of Purpose The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) human trafficking prevention Safe Harbor Program provides services to commercially sexually exploited youth and young adults through age 24 (SEY), as well as those at risk of being sexually exploited. SEY is a form of sexual violence and of human trafficking (HT). Hospitals can be an effective intervention point for violence prevention as well as a referral base for services, including the Safe Harbor Program. Child sexual violence (CSV) is an important risk factor for SEY. While there have been ICD-10-CM diagnostic codes for CSV, codes specific to HT, including SEY, were introduced in October of 2018. This research examines how these codes might be used to better identify, describe, serve, and possibly refer hospital-treated SEY and CSV victims for services.

Methods/Approach Using statewide hospital discharge data and the Safe Harbor service data as a reference, MDH examined the ICD-10-CM codes for CSV from 2016 to 2018, as well as the new HT codes from the start of FFY2019.

Results The CSV codes identified 936 patients who were Minnesota residents ages 10–24: 63 males and 873 females. Preliminary data analysis of FFY2019 identified 23 HT patients, reported from 8 of Minnesota’s 130+ hospitals. These patients included three males and 20 females, including nine Safe Harbor service eligible cases.

Conclusion Epidemiologists now have the opportunity to effectively partner with service providers, counting what they could not count before. Moreover, hospitals can directly refer hospital-treated SEY and CSV (at-risk for SEY) to resources, such as the Safe Harbor Program.

Significance This is the first study using hospital discharge data with the new human trafficking ICD-10-CM codes to address SEY, as well as providing a descriptive epidemiology of hospital-treated CSV cases describing youth and young adults at risk for SEY.