



# **Background and significance**

## **Restrictive Eating Disorders in Adolescents**

 Adolescents requiring inpatient treatment for Atypical Anorexia Nervosa increased fivefold between 2005 and 2010, highlighting an increase in restrictive eating disorders (EDs) at all weights

### **Screening for Eating Disorders in Primary Care**

- Adolescents should be screened for EDs annually, yet 50% of all EDs go undetected
- Common ED screening tools: Eating Attitudes Test (EAT), Disordered Eating Behavior Questionnaire (DEBQ), McKnight Risk Factor Survey, and SCOFF questionnaire

# **Presenting Challenge**

At SCH Adolescent Medicine Clinic, some providers utilize questions from the Check Yourself screening tool to learn about ED behaviors. However, this screen only occurs at initial medical assessments for patients referred for medical problems other than EDs, thus providers may not view continued screening for EDs as necessary or important.

# **Project Description and Aims**

## **Project Description**

- 5-question survey developed to assess the following across disciplines:
  - 1) Importance of screening for ED at the first visit regardless of reason for referral
  - 2) Familiarity with DSM-5 criteria for Otherwise Spec. Feeding and Eating Disorders
  - 3) Frequency of ED screening among patients who are not referred for EDs
  - Common screening tools
  - 5) Barriers to screening
  - 6) Ideas to improve screening efforts
- Survey administered in person at ADO 411 and psychiatry/psychology dept. meeting

# **Participant Characteristics**

Participant Self-Reported Disciplines and Credentials										
Discipline	Medicine	Nursing	Nutrition	Psychiatry	Psychology	Social Work	Total			
Credentials	MD, ND	RN, ARNP	RD, CD	MD, ARNP	PsyD, PhD, LMHCA	MSW, LICSW	n = 31			
# of Part.	6	4	3	6	9	3	11 - 31			

## Participant Experience with ED Training

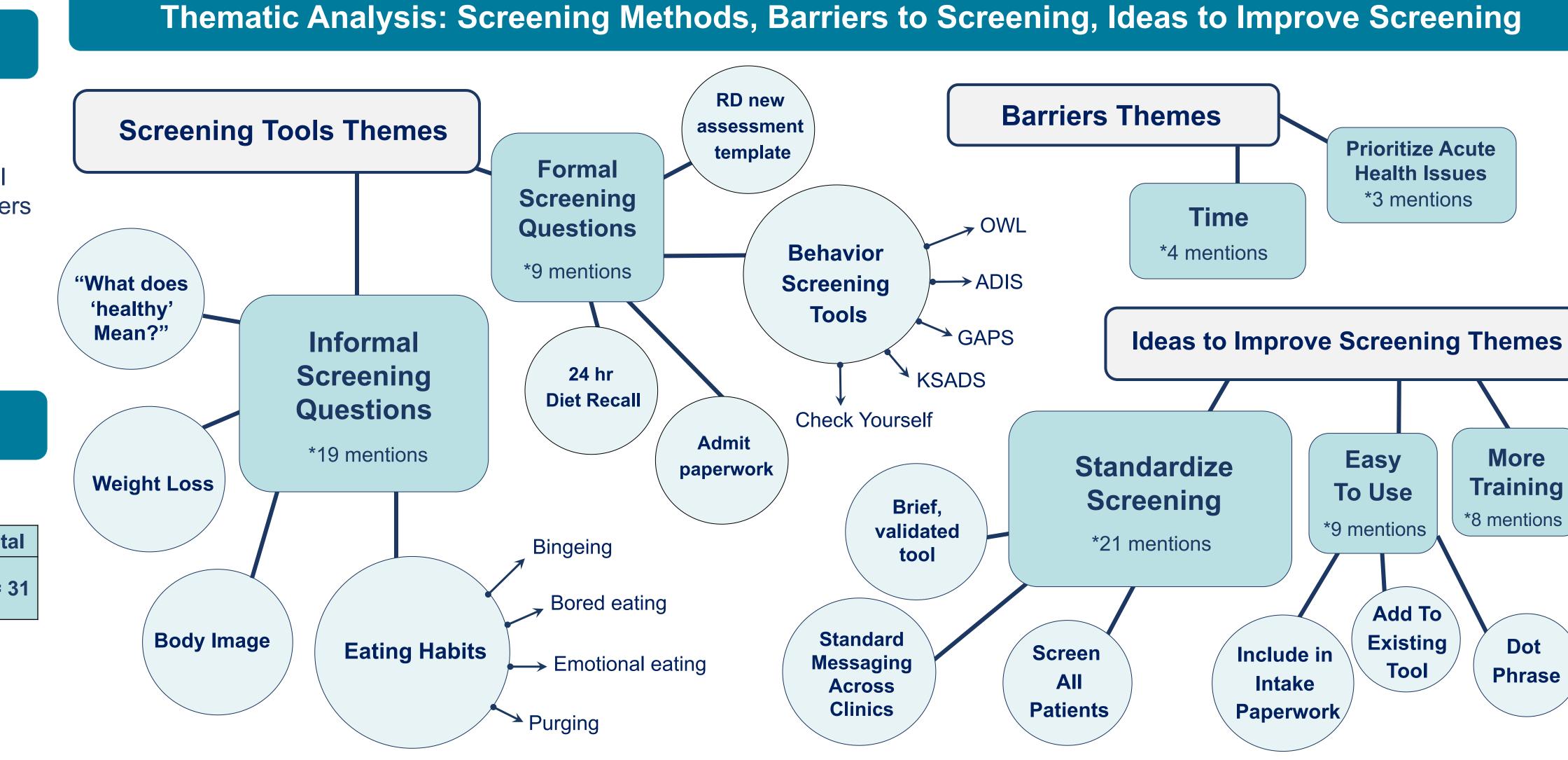
- 87% of participants received some type training
- Training commonly included direct patient care, and continuing education

# Eating Disorder Screening Across Disciplines In the SCH Adolescent Medicine Clinic

Meredith Blumenthal, LEAH Nutrition Fellow Project Mentors: Alicia Dixon Docter, MS, RD, CD, Yolanda Evans, MD, MPH, Andrea Hartman, PsyD

## **Importance of Screening at First Visit**

Provider Type	Importance of Screening					
	Slightly	Moderately	Important			
Psychologists	22%	56%	11%			
Social Workers	0%	0%	33%			
Nursing Providers	0%	25%	75%			
Psychiatrists	17%	17%	50%			
Dietitians	0%	33%	0%			
Physicians	0%	17%	33%			



## **All Providers** Very Slightly important Moderately important 11% Important ■ Very important 0% □ Did Not Answer 0% 17% 67% **50%**

Provider Type	Screening Frequency						
	Rarely	Occasionally	Very Frequently	Always			
Psychologists	44%	44%	0%	0%			
Social Workers	0%	67%	0%	0%			
Nursing Providers	0%	50%	0%	0%			
Psychiatrists	17%	50%	33%	0%			
Dietitians	0%	0%	100%	0%			
Physicians	0%	17%	33%	33%			

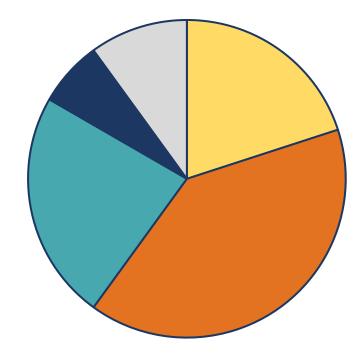
# UW LEAH

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION in ADOLESCENT HEALTH

# **Frequency of Screening Practices**

# **All Providers**

- Rarely
- Occasionally
- Very frequently
- Always
- □ Did Not Answer



# Recommendations

## Next steps

- Interview stakeholders regarding ideal standardized screening protocol
- Create roadmap to roll out new protocol

## **Proposed New Screening Tool** Behavioral Health Screen (BHS) Assessment

- A brief, validated internet-based screening tool for adolescents
- Includes nutrition and eating assessment **Patient Advantages** 
  - ~12 minutes to complete
  - High level of honesty when reporting
- **Provider Advantages** 
  - Comprehensive behavioral assessment
  - Does not require provider participation

## **Application: SCH Adolescent Medicine Clinic**

- Applicable to all adolescent patients
- Include with patients' pre-visit electronic forms