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Promoting Family Engagement and Reducing Disparities in Family Care Practices in the NICU

Mental health challenges present in and adversely affect outcomes in every sector of health care and every medical specialty among both children and adults.

As a licensed psychologist and an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Colorado school of Medicine, Dr. Dempsey has developed comprehensive behavioral health programs for young children with complex medical conditions and their families on inpatient medical units and in outpatient clinics.

In doing this work she learned to appreciate how technology could be used to reduce disparities in care, improve efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery, and lead to greater health outcomes.

This work has led her to take on a role as Director of Informatics for the Department of Psychiatry and a member of the Physician Informatics Group for the UCHHealth system.

In these roles, she uses critical psychology and human centered design skills to identify larger problems in healthcare that could be solved meaningfully with technological innovation.

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