RESULTS FROM ONLINE SURVEY WITH CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH CREATINE TRANSPORTER DEFICIENCY (CTD)



- 37 caregivers completed the survey for 40 children with CTD between May 2019 and July 2020.
- The majority of children (n=37, 93%) were male.
- Children were on average around 10 years old (range: 1 24 years old).



n=23 (58%)

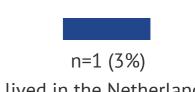


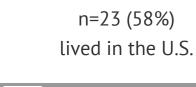
n=6 (15%)



n=3 (8%)







lived in Australia

n=5 (13%) lived in Canada







DIAGNOSIS AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT

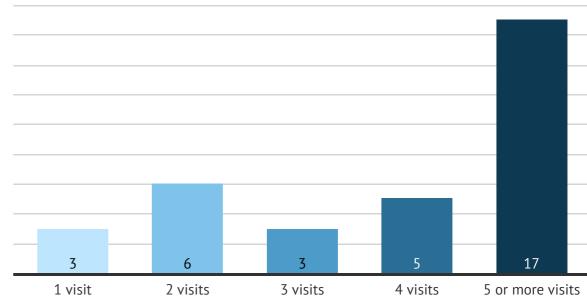
- 6 specialists were typically seen before patients received a CTD diagnosis.
- Most children were diagnosed at around 6 years old.
- Patients were most often diagnosed via:
 - 1. Gene mutation sequencing (to confirm mutation in SL6A8 gene) (75%)
 - 2. Urine test of creatine/creatinine (60%)
 - 3. Magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS) for brain image (35%)

Most children began displaying symptoms at around 1 year old.

Most frequently reported initial symptoms: 1. Delayed crawling or walking

- 2. Speech delay or impairments
- 3. Global developmental delay

Total Number of ER/Hospital Visits



*Total number of visits per patient; majority of hospitalizations were for seizures.

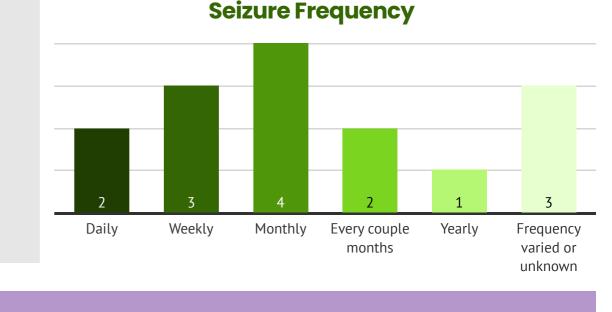
- Approximately half of the patients (n=21, 53%) were taking supplements for CTD management at the time of survey completion; Creatine and Arginine were the most common supplements reported.
- The most commonly reported medications were for the treatment of seizures, sleep issues, constipation, allergies, appetite, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), and nausea.



SYMPTOMS AND IMPACTS

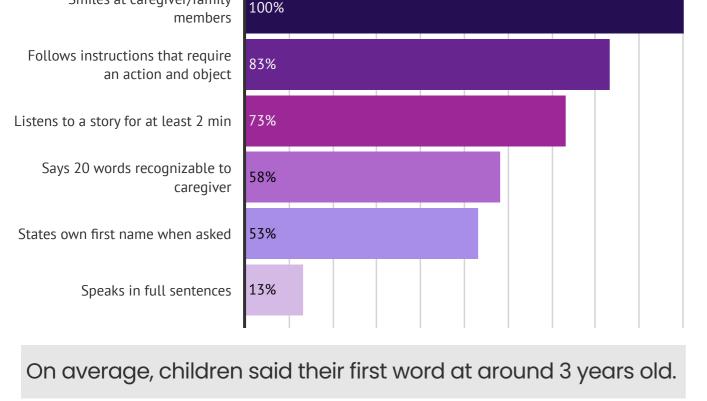
Seizures

- More than half of the caregivers reported that their child had experienced at least 1 seizure (n=28, 70%). • Caregivers reported that their child had experienced their first seizure at
- approximately 4.5 years old. • 15 caregivers (54%) responded that their child currently experiences
- seizures. • Many caregivers (n=20, 71%) responded that their child was currently
- taking AEDs, of which most (n=16, 80%) reported that these were effective at stopping seizures. Communication



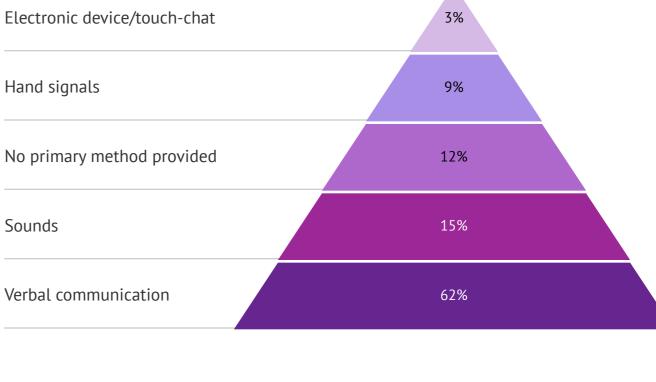
Communication Milestones Reached

Smiles at caregiver/family



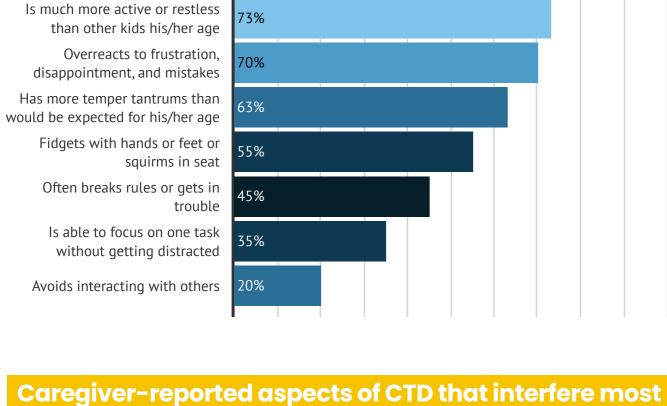
Behavior

Primary Communication Methods



Shows affection for parents or 93% caregivers

Caregiver-Observed Behaviors



• Speech issues (35%) Non-verbal communication issues (18%)

• Behavior issues (e.g., hyperactivity, impulsivity, aggression) (13%) • Seizures (13%)

with child's life

Average age caregivers reported their child reaching motor

Walk without caregiver assistance

Motor functioning

• First sat up without support - 1 year old • First started crawling - 1 year old

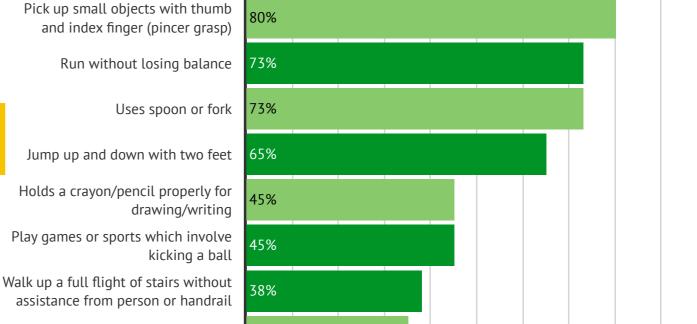
Gross and Fine Motor Skills Achieved

- First unassisted steps 2 years old

95%

35%

Button large buttons



Gross motor skills

Fine motor skills

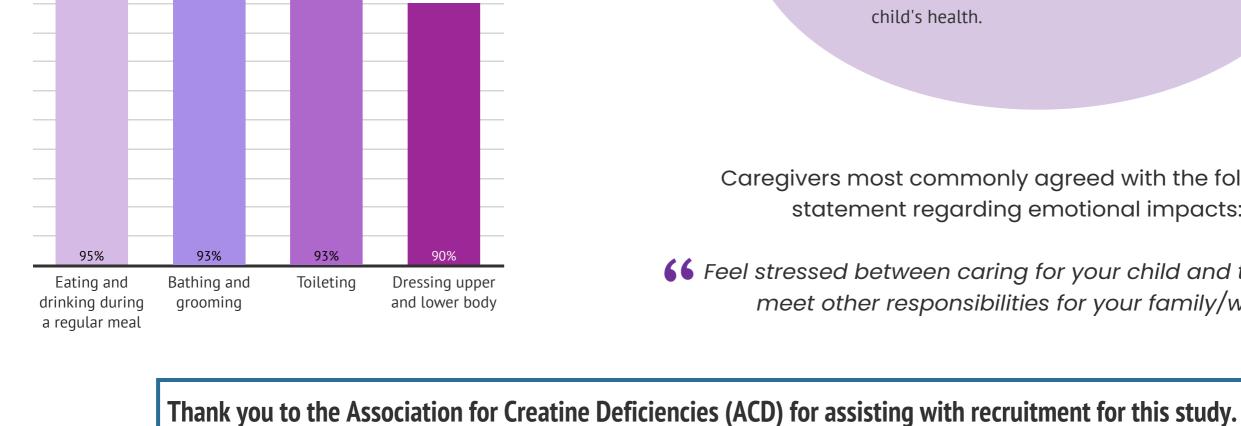
Most frequently reported self-care activities that children

could complete: • Drink from cup unassisted (73%)

CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE

• Demonstrate an understanding that hot things are dangerous (65%) Ask to use the toilet (45%)

Activities Requiring Assistance



• 7 caregivers reported quitting their job 6 caregivers reported having decreased hours

status changed as a result of their child's health.

Impact of CTD on Caregiver Employment

• 15 caregivers (38%) reported that their employment

- 2 caregivers reported changing jobs due to their child's health.

statement regarding emotional impacts: 66 Feel stressed between caring for your child and trying to

meet other responsibilities for your family/work. >9

We would also like to recognize and thank all of the caregivers who participated in this study.

Caregivers most commonly agreed with the following