

Big Data for Health Policy in Early Childhood: The TARGet Kids! Network



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Critical Gaps in Population Surveillance on Children in the Early Years

Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS)
Target Population - Canadians aged 12 and over

Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS)
Target Population - between 3 and 79 years
Minimal data on children 3 – 5 years

Ontario Health Study (OHS)
does not include children

TARGet Kids! is filling this gap





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Targeting Child Health:

improving health outcomes for Canadians through preventive healthcare in early childhood

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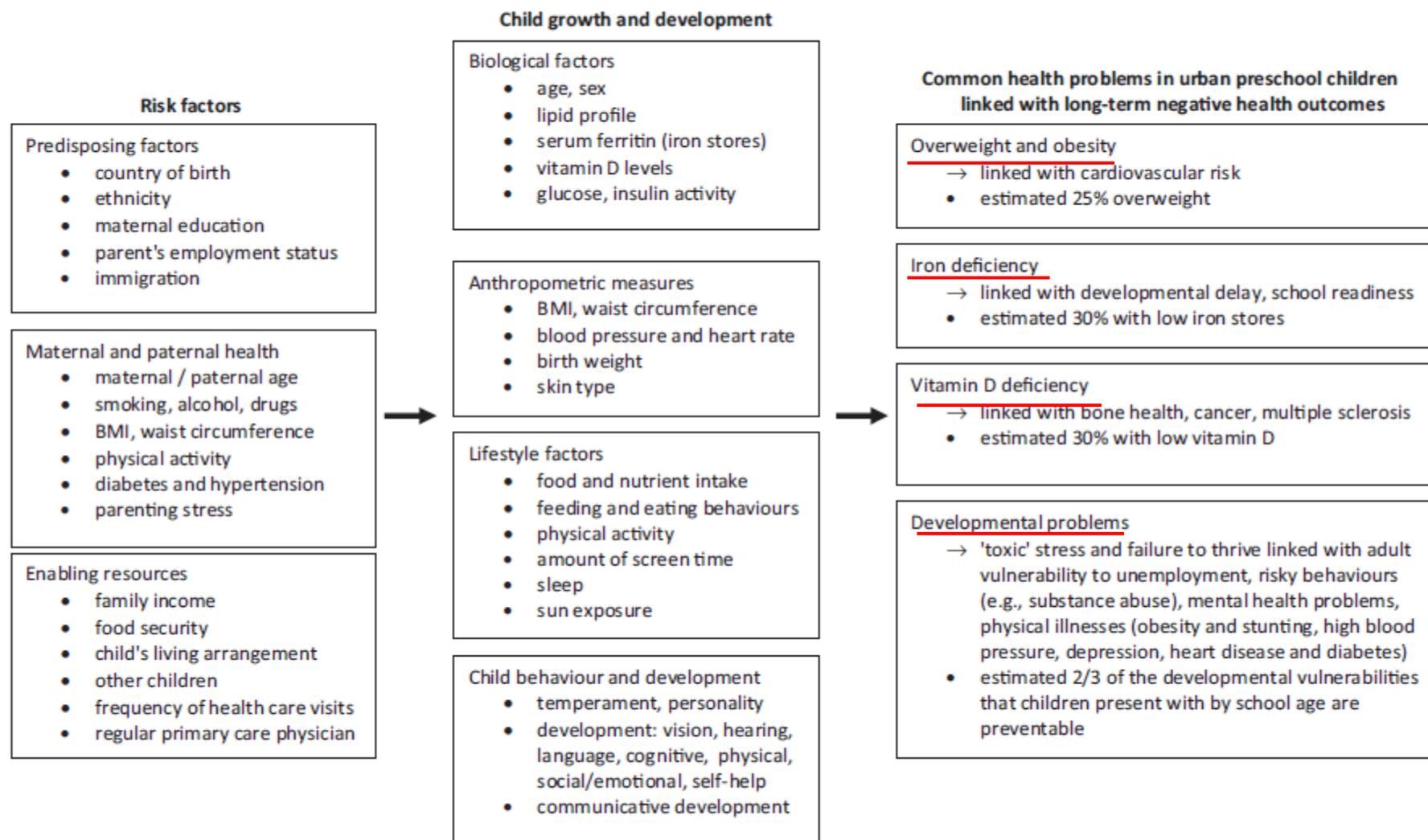


Figure 1. Research Focus of the TARGET Kids! study.

Child Health Research Network Embedded in Primary Care Practices

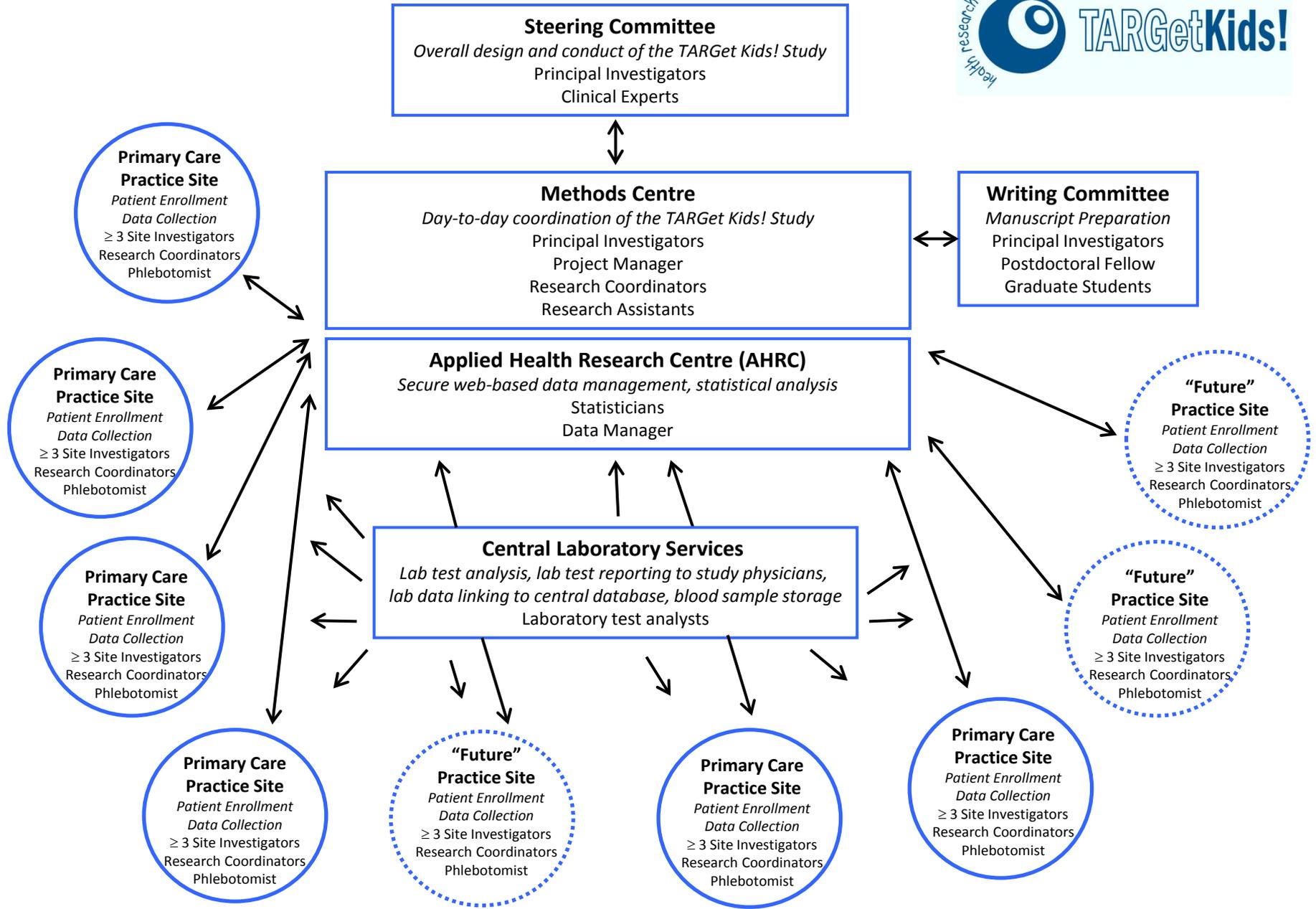
- Largest cohort of healthy preschool-aged children (from birth to 5 years) recruited in Canada
- 9 group practices (each with at least 3 MDs), > 50 physicians
- 7000 children enrolled through primary care doctor's offices during Well-Child visits and followed up yearly
- Longitudinal dataset recruited since 2008; >50% with repeated visits

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Table 2. General overview of data collected in TARGet Kids! Study

Data	Age at time of enrolment or follow-up									
	0-6 months	12 months	15 months	18 months	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6+ years	
PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS										
Weight	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Length	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Height					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Waist circumference	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blood pressure					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BLOOD SAMPLE										
CBC, ^a lipid profile, ^b ferritin, vitamin D, PTH, ^d chemistry panel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HEALTH & LIFESTYLE FACTORS										
Nutrition and Health Questionnaire (NHQ)										
NHQ Initial Form	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NutriSTEP TM v. 18 to 35 months				✓	✓					
Nutrition risk score based on child's food and nutrient intake, physical growth, developmental and physical capabilities, physical activity, food security and the feeding environment										
NutriSTEP TM v. 3 to 5 years						✓	✓	✓		
CHILD BEHAVIOUR										
Infant Behaviour Questionnaire (IBQ)		✓	✓							
Early Child Behaviour Questionnaire (ECBQ)					✓					
Children's Behaviour Questionnaire (CBQ)						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^c
DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING										
Nipissing Developmental Screening Tool (NDDSS)					✓				✓	
Infant Toddler Checklist (ITC)					✓					
PARENTING										
Parenting Stress Index (PSI)		✓	✓							



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