



SUSAN B. MEISTER

CHILD HEALTH EVALUATION AND RESEARCH CENTER
MICHIGAN MEDICINE

ADVANCING CHILD HEALTH

Research to get children the right
care at the right time at the right cost



Founded in 1998, the Susan B. Meister Child Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Center is the oldest pediatric health services research center in the U.S. Since its founding, CHEAR has been the home to faculty from a broad variety of backgrounds, including general pediatricians, pediatric subspecialists, economists, epidemiologists, and research scientists. CHEAR has a longstanding history of funding from federal agencies, foundations, state government, and philanthropy, and has trained some of the leading pediatric health services researchers in the country.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BY THE NUMBERS

78

Active Grants

\$6.8m

Funding

64

National Presentations

41

National Committees

HOW CHEAR IS IMPROVING CHILD HEALTH



Developing and implementing national quality measures for children with sickle cell disease



Shaping the national discourse on child health through the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health



Influencing national decisions on which conditions to include in newborn screening panels



Identifying emerging trends in pediatric health care, such as rising antidepressant prescribing to youth during the Covid-19 pandemic



Building and maintaining the statewide immunization registry in Michigan



Improving child health equity across Michigan hospitals through quality improvement initiatives



Training new leaders in pediatric health services research through the CHEAR Fellowship



Fostering the child health research community at the University of Michigan through the annual Susan B. Meister Lecture in Child Health Policy

MISSION STATEMENT: TO ADVANCE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, AND FAMILIES THROUGH RESEARCH AND EDUCATION.

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