# OPG IMTAP 2012-2014

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#### Overview

- Took IMTAP data from MT treatment plans
- Compared IMTAP data from 2012 against 2014.
- Interpret the data
- Discuss the data

# Individuals

- 130 individuals total (97 from Fishers, 16 from Kokomo, 17 from Lafayette)
- 79 men and 51 women
- Avg. Age: 29.10 (SD = 13.61; Range = 12 - 82)
- $65.05 \min (SD = 24.27)$  of MT weekly

- Common Diagnoses:
  - Intellectual Disability (77%)
  - Autism (56%)
  - Constipation (32%)
  - Seizures (26%)
  - Cerebral Palsy (22%)
  - Down's Syndrome (17%)
  - Anxiety (10%)
  - Epilepsy (10%)

# Number of Therapists

- Between 2012 2014:
  - Avg.: 1.55 (*SD* = .67)
  - One (55%)
  - Two (34%)
  - Three (11%)

- Avg. Years of Therapy: 5.05 (*SD* = 1.78)
  - Avg. No. of Therapists.: 2.53 (SD = .12)
  - Two Therapists (40%)

# IMTAP (Baxter et al., 2007)

- "The IMTAP assesses each client using therapist-planned structured and/or improvisation music therapy interventions which are evaluated to assess domains of functioning" (p. 13).
- The IMTAP assesses 10 domains: Cognitive, Emotional, Expressive Communication, Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Musicality, Oral Motor, Receptive Communication, Sensory, and Social Skills.
- Rating:
  - 0% of the time (Never),
  - under 50% of the time (Rarely),
  - between 50% and 79% of the time (Inconsistent), and
  - between 80% and 100% of the time (Consistent).
  - For each domain, the IMTAP calculates an overall percentage of functioning from 0% to 100% that is continuous.

# Results - Correlations

	Age	Current	No. of		Age	Current	No. of	
		Session	MTs			Session	MTs	
		Minutes	2012 -			Minutes	2012 -	Correlation
			2014				2014	1
Age	1.00			Fine Motor 2012	-0.42**	.30**	-0.14	between
Minutes of Current Session	-0.10	1.00		Fine Motor 2013	-0.35**	.26*	-0.29**	total years
No. of MTs 2012 - 2014	0.12	-0.05	1.00	Fine Motor 2014	-0.34**	.27*	-0.31**	total years
No. of MTs Overall	0.13	0.14	.59**	Gross Motor 2012	-0.41**	.30**	-0.13	of therapy
Total Years of Therapy	0.00	0.25*	0.11	Gross Motor 2013	-0.41**	.24*	-0.20*	and total
Gender	-0.10	-0.11	0.09	Gross Motor 2014	-0.42**	.29**	-0.20*	and total
Cognitive 2012	-0.36**	.28**	-0.15	Receptive Communication 2012	-0.34**	.24*	-0.15	number of
Cognitive 2013	-0.38**	.24*	-0.21*	Receptive Communication 2013	-0.38**	.26*	-0.26**	thomasista
Cognitive 2014	-0.36**	.24*	-0.20*	Receptive Communication 2014	-0.33**	.27**	-0.28**	therapists
Emotional 2012	-0.34**	0.20	-0.16	Sensory 2012	-0.17	.30*	-0.05	overall:
Emotional 2013	-0.32**	0.17	-0.13	Sensory 2013	-0.28*	0.18	0.18	с · с_с.
Emotional 2014	-0.27**	.24*	-0.17	Sensory 2014	-0.31**	.25*	0.02	r = .51
Expressive Communication 2012	-0.32**	.29**	-0.18	Social 2012	-0.29**	.28**	-0.19*	
Expressive Communication 2013	-0.33**	.27**	-0.13	Social 2013	-0.31**	.21*	-0.13	
Expressive Communication 2014	-0.31**	.25*	-0.11	Social 2014	-0.32**	0.17	-0.15	

# Results - Analyses

- 8 Separate Regressions
  - Step 1: Age and Number of MTs between 2012 2014
  - Step 2: Domain Skill
    - Used a p = .00625 cut-off value

Results - Age

- People with older ages had lower 2014 domain scores than people with younger ages for cognitive, expressive communication, gross motor, receptive communication, and social skills  $(\beta s \ge -.26, ps \le .004)$  and fine motor  $(\beta = -.44, p = .006)$
- Age did not affect emotional ( $\beta = -.23$ , p = .02) and sensory domains ( $\beta = -.77$ , p = .44)



#### Results – No. of Therapist

- The more therapists the individual had between 2012 and 2014, the weaker his or her fine motor  $(\beta = -.19, p = .001)$  and receptive communication  $(\beta = -.26, p = .004)$  skills were in 2014.
- The number of therapists the individual had between 2012 and 2014 did not predict cognitive, emotional, gross motor, sensory, or social skills,  $ps \ge .04$ .



#### Results - Domains



Note: Significant increases between 2012 and 2014 existed for all domains, controlling for age and the number of therapists in the time period, ps < .001

#### Results – Total IMTAP



# Discussion - Age

- People with older ages had lower skill scores than people with younger ages. This does not mean that skills declined from 2012 to 2014.
  - People with older ages just scored lower on those skills in 2014.
- For fine motor skills, people of all ages increased their skills but people with younger ages increased more than older people.
- The therapists are meeting the needs of the individuals with older ages, but what would make providing therapy easier and more effective for people with older ages?

# Discussion – Changes in Therapists

- People with fewer therapists had higher fine motor and receptive communication scores in 2014 than people with more therapists.
  - Therapists focused on other skills as they adopted and then transferred the individual.
  - Individuals who needed to be transferred more already had lower fine motor skills than individuals who did not need be transferred.
  - The receiving therapist did not know how to address these skills in the individual.
- What are some reasons the therapists transfer the individuals? Why do you think we have these findings? What would help when you transition individuals?

#### Discussion – Skill Domains

- Overall, skills in every domain tested increased a from 2012 to 2014. These increases were not due to age or the number of therapists the individual had between 2012 and 2014.
  - Officially, therapists address and track specific skills in each session. Specific skills do not transfer to other skills in other areas (Muller, McLaren, Appleby, & Rosalie, 2015; Moore & Muller, 2014; Tanka, Heptonstall, & Hagen, 2013).
- How often do the therapists intentionally address the other skills from the IMTAP?
- How often to the therapists address transferring the skills to outside the session?

#### Future Directions

- There's a need for longitudinal studies, such as this (Judy Simpson, AMTA 2015).
- Where do we need to go as a department?