

**Lessons:**

- 1) Co-management includes appropriate hand-offs and hand-shakes when care is transferred from one system to another (such as the transfer that occurs from inpatient to outpatient systems of care when an infant is discharged).
- 2) A good transition begins with a well thought out care plan on the part of the system that the patient is leaving (the handoff)
- 3) Good communications between systems is a crucial element of a good transition (the handshake)
- 4) Parental advocacy can be an important element of co-management

**Provocative questions:**

1. Are some children (or some conditions) so complex they should be managed totally by specialists without primary care involvement (perhaps solid organ transplantation fits this category)?
2. What is the role of parents in co-management? How do we ensure that parents play an appropriate and mutually agreed upon role in care coordination and management decisions?