**BY THE NUMBERS**

**Child & Adolescent Musculoskeletal Conditions**

*Diseases, disorders, and injuries relating to bones, joints, and muscles*

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**Major Cause of Disability/Health Care Cost**

- **19 million**: Children and adolescent health care visits for a musculoskeletal related condition*
- **$140.8 million**: Hospital charges to treat musculoskeletal conditions***

**Leading Musculoskeletal Conditions**

- Trauma and sports injuries
- Pain syndromes
- Skeletal deformity
- Rheumatologic conditions
- Neuromusculoskeletal conditions
- Neoplasms

- **12.9 million** trauma and sports injuries requiring a health care visit*
- **2.5 million** children and adolescents suffering from chronic musculoskeletal pain*
- **1.8 million** visits for skeletal deformities of upper and lower limbs, hip and pelvis, and spine*
- **621 thousand** visits for the estimated 300,000 children with juvenile arthritis or other rheumatologic conditions.*
- **612 thousand** visits for life-long neuromuscular conditions that include cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, and spinal muscular atrophy.*
- While small in number, **84,500** children and adolescents with primary diagnosis of neoplasm.*

**Health Care Impact**

- **149 million** school days missed due to musculoskeletal conditions***
- **282 thousand** limited in mobility and needing assistance with daily living activities***
- **3rd** among parent-reported health conditions, after respiratory and developmental delay***
- **1.8 million** sport related injuries per year requiring medical care**

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* 2010, ** 2011, *** 2012

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**Parent-Reported Health Conditions for Children and Adolescents, 2012**

- Circulatory: 944
- Frequent Severe Headaches: 5,145
- Musculoskeletal: 8,009
- Developmental Delay: 8,604
- Respiratory: 22,119

**Total in Thousands**

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, 2012

**Child and Adolescent Health Care Visits, 2010**

- Hospital: 57%
- Emergency Department: 14%
- Hospital Outpatient: 27%
- Physician Office: 3%

19 million visits


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References: For additional information, refer to the tables listed below at www.boneandjointburden.org.

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