# In the World of Medicine: What is Ethical?



### Introductions

- Moderator:
  - Tawny Holmes, Esq.
    from the National Association of the Deaf
- Pediatrician Panelists:
  - Julia Hecht, M.D.- New Mexico Champion- AAP
  - Robert Nutt, M.D.- Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics of the Carolinas/Atrium Health/UNC School of Medicine



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### Overview

- What is your current role and focus?
- Questions will discuss the information doctors provide to families of deaf children
  - Language approach
  - Education
  - Cochlear implants





# Providing an interdisciplinary view

#### Questions:

•What does this look like?

•What are the benefits?











Diabetes

Facial Plastic Surgery

Radiology

Neurology









Otology

Ophthalmology

Rhinology

Oral Health









Cardiology

Gastroenterology

Pulmonology

Hepatology









Gynecology

Urology

Osteology

Orthopedics

# Preconceptions and misconceptions

#### Questions:

- Where are pediatricians getting their ideas about "what is best for deaf children"?
- What are the ethics involved?





"I'm a close relative, and I did some research on the Internet about his condition, so I feel I'm more qualified to take care of him than some nurse."

# The role of pediatricians in caring for the whole child & family

- What does this look like?
- What are available resources to do so?





# Wrap-up

What can be the role of the professional community?

American Academy of Pediatrics





## **Examples of AAP Policy**

- Position Statement on Addressing Early Childhood Emotional and Behavioral Problems (Dec. 2016)
  - Pediatricians can improve the care of young children with emotional, behavioral, and relationship problems by calling for the following: increased access to care; increased research identifying alternative approaches, including primary care delivery of treatments; adequate payment for pediatric providers who serve these young children; and improved education for pediatric providers about the principles of evidence-based interventions.



http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/138/6/e20163023

# **AAP Policy and EHDI**

- AAP Champions- current activities
- Deaf Culture Primer
  - Currently going through renovations due to terminology and need for updates
- Medical modules by Georgia Tech
- Any other possibilities?



### Thank you for participating.



