

**Pediatric Psychology Research Group**  
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**Ongoing Projects (data collection, posters, manuscripts) in Pediatric Psychology:**

Chronic Conditions

- Oncology/bone marrow transplant: Art therapy intervention project with siblings of bone marrow transplant patients.
- The Psychosocial Impact of Juvenile Dermatomyositis on siblings.

Genetics and Inborn Errors of Metabolism

- The psychological issues faced by children with maple syrup urine disease (MSUD). The next phase of this work will focus on children ages 0---5.
- Gaucher Disease: An investigation of the psychological characteristics of children with Gaucher Disease. This project is currently being carried out in collaboration with faculty at UCSF.
- Hunter Syndrome: Psychological and emotional problems of children, adolescents and adults with Hunter Syndrome (MPS II).
- Psychosocial functioning of siblings of patients with PKU

• Bereavement Studies

- Pet Bereavement Studies – impact of the death of a pet on children and impact of the death of a pet on individuals (cross---cultural study) These are collaborative studies with Dr. Cori Bussolari, Rachel Katz, and Dr. Betty Carmack.

**Openings:** 2 to 3 new members to join the pediatric psychology group.

**Application Process:**

Submit C.V. and a writing sample, via email, to Dr. Packman's research assistants, Kyr Hudson ([khudson@paloaltou.edu](mailto:khudson@paloaltou.edu)) and to Andrea Alioto ([aalioto@paloaltou.edu](mailto:aalioto@paloaltou.edu)). Submit C.V. and a writing sample to Dr.

Packman via email ([wpackman@paloaltou.edu](mailto:wpackman@paloaltou.edu)) and by hard copy. The writing sample is usually a paper submitted for a psychology class (e.g., Research Methods) while a student at PAU. Prospective students first meet with and are interviewed by current research group members. Following meeting with students, Dr. Packman

will meet and interview prospective students. If research group members and Dr. Packman agree, students are invited to join the research group. All new research group members are on probation for the first quarter and one half to ensure that there is a "good fit" between the members of the research team and with Dr. Packman.

**Notification:** Students accepted into research group will be notified by email or in person no later than the PAU deadline.

### **Selected Publications in Pediatric Psychology, Bereavement, Biochemical Genetic Disorders:**

Packman, W.L., Crittenden, M.R., Fischer, J., Shaeffer, E., Bongar, B., & Cowan, M.J. (1997). Siblings perceptions of the bone marrow transplantation process. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 15, No. 3/4, 81---105.

Packman, W., Horsley, H., Davies, B., & Kramer, R. (2006). Continuing bonds and sibling bereavement. *Death Studies*, 30(9), 817---841.

Packman, W., Henderson, S., Mehta, I., Ronen, R., & Danner, D., Chesterman, B., & Packman, S. (2007). Psychosocial and behavioral issues in families affected by MSUD. *Journal of Genetic Counseling*, 16(6), 799---809

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VanZutphen, K., Packman, W., Sporri, L., Needham, M., Morgan, C., Weisiger, K., & Packman, S. (2007). Executive functioning in children and adolescents with PKU. *Clinical Genetics*, 72, 13---18.

Henderson, S., Packman, W., & Packman, S. (2009) Psychological aspects of patients with Niemann---Pick disease, Type B. *American Journal of Medical Genetics Part A* 149A, 2430---2436.

Crosbie, T., Packman, W., & Packman, S. (2009). Psychological complications of patients with Fabry disease. *Journal of Inherited Metabolic Diseases* 32; 745---753 DOI 10.1007/s10545---009---1254---1.

Mazaheri, M.M., Rae---Seebach, R. D., Preston, H.E., Schmidt, M., Kountz---Edwards, S., Field, N.P., Cassidy, S., & Packman, W. (2012). The impact of Prader---Willi syndrome on the family's quality of life and caregiving, and the unaffected siblings' psychosocial adjustment. *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research*. doi: 10.1111/j.1365---2788.2012.01634.x

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Packman, W., Carmack, B.J., Katz, R., Carlos, F., Field, N.P., & Landers, C. (2014).  
Online survey as empathic bridging for the disenfranchised grief of pet loss.  
*Omega*. 69(4) 333-356.