

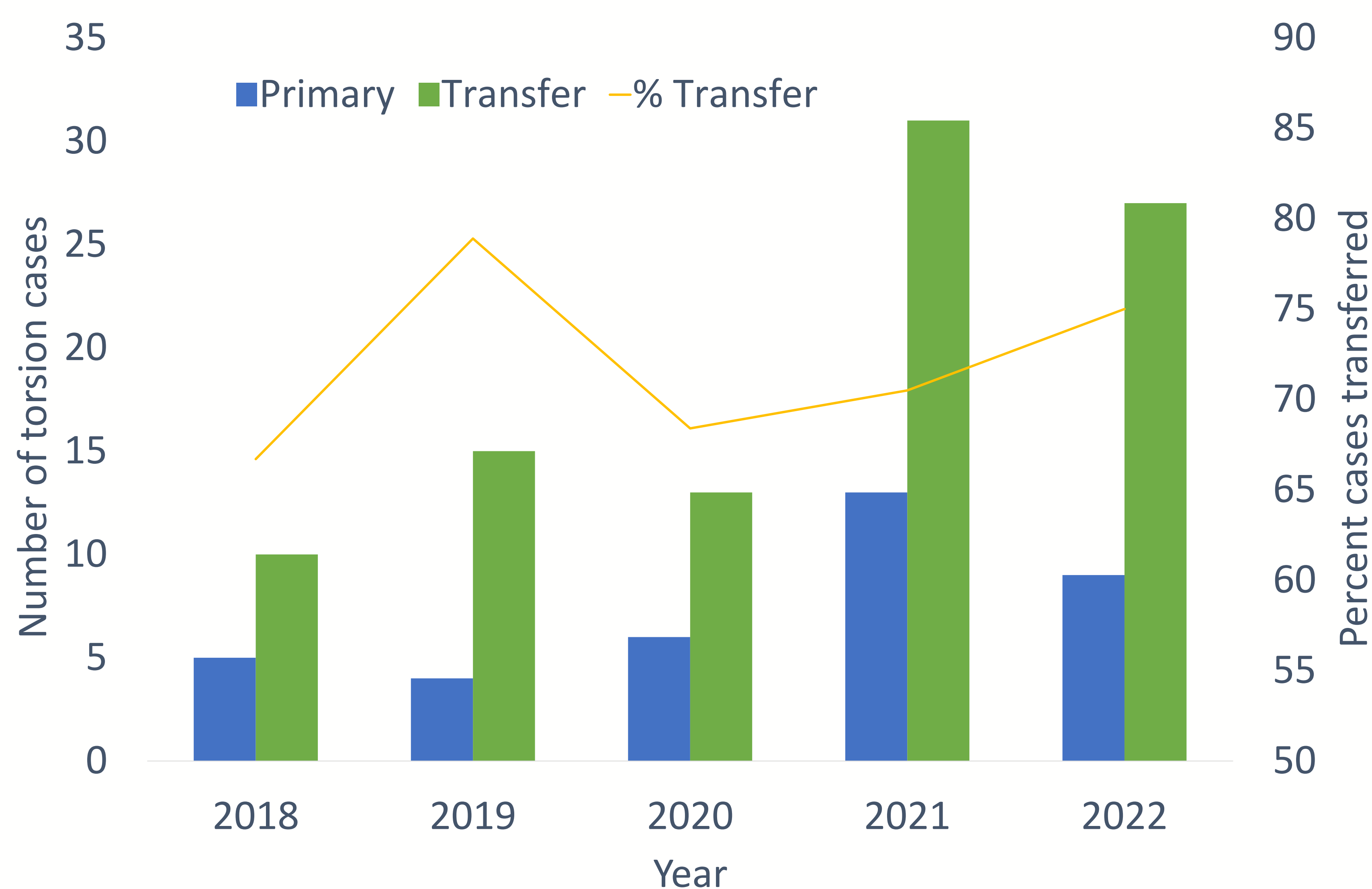


Overutilization of transfer for testicular torsion: An opportunity for multilevel policy intervention

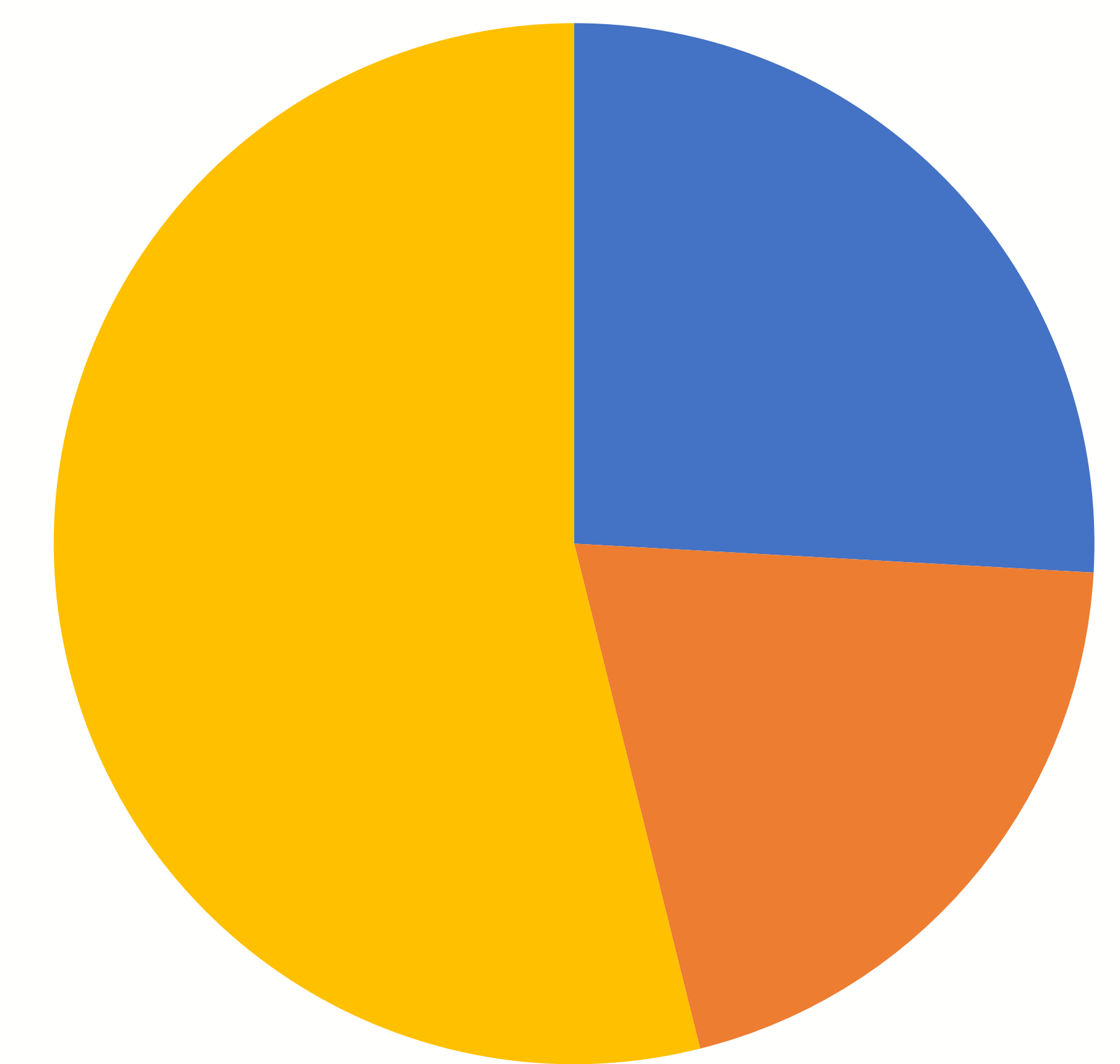
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The Problem



- Transfers for pediatric testicular torsion increasing in Oregon
- Transfer delays intervention, associated with increased risk of testicular loss
- Transfer creates financial burden for families and health system
- Multiple systems factors creating drive to transfer



Possible Solutions

National

- Request statement from national associations affirming standard of locally provided care

State

- Educate at state urological or surgical association meetings
- Create and share maps of urology coverage throughout state
- Request statements from state medical boards affirming standard of locally provided care

Hospital/ Hospital System

- Petition leadership to adapt policies preventing care of pediatric patients

Individual/ Individual Practice

- Educate local partners (urologists, pediatric surgeons, general surgeons)

