

Supplementary Material Table 1. Parent and child participant characteristics (N = 152) in the 45-item PRECIOUS validation study

Characteristics		Mean (SD) or N (%) *	
Mean Age in years of Parent (SD)		42.4	7.3
Gender			
	Female	108	71.0
	Male	44	29.0
Ethnicity			
	Chinese	101	66.5
	Malay	38	25.0
	Indian	7	4.6
	Others	6	4.0
Highest education			
	Primary education or less	4	2.6
	Secondary or ITE †	27	17.8
	Post-secondary	121	79.6
Caregiving roles (Answered ‘Yes’)			
	Make decisions about treatments the child receives	150	98.7
	Physically provide care to child (e.g., help with day-to-day activities)	138	90.8
	Pay for the medical and health care expenses	137	90.1
	Ensure provision of care (e.g., supervising a paid caregiver to look after child)	100	65.8
Mean hours spent caregiving per week (SD)		92.5	55.9
Employment status			
	Full-time employment	80	52.6
	No current employment	59	38.8
	Part-time employment	9	5.9
	Others	4	2.6
Marital status			
	Married	145	95.4
	Divorced/separated	5	3.3
	Never married	2	1.3
Respondent status			
	Myself only	143	94.1
	Myself, with assistance from a caregiver who is not the child's parent	6	4.0
	Myself, with assistance from another parent	2	1.3
	Myself, with assistance from a non-caregiver	1	0.7
Child's illness category‡			
	Category 1	50	32.9
	Category 2	25	16.4
	Category 3	24	15.8
	Category 4	53	34.9

Child's gender			
	Female	61	40.1
	Male	91	59.9
Child's ethnicity			
	Chinese	98	64.5
	Malay	38	25.0
	Indian	8	5.3
	Others	8	5.3
Child's age group			
	0 – 1 years (Infants)	11	7.6
	1 – 5 years (Early Childhood)	40	27.8
	6 – 12 years (Middle Childhood)	45	31.3
	13 – 18 years (Adolescence)	56	38.9
Mean duration of Child's illness in Years (SD)		6.2	4.9
*Mean and standard deviation (SD) for continuous variables; frequency (N) and percent for categorical variables † Institute of Technical Education (ITE) is a government-owned institution providing vocational and industrial training ‡ Categorization as defined by Together for Short Lives, United Kingdom: Category 1. Life-threatening conditions for which curative treatment may be feasible but can fail; Category 2. Conditions where premature death is inevitable; Category 3. Progressive conditions without curative treatment options; Category 4. Irreversible but non-progressive conditions causing severe disability, leading to susceptibility to health			