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Conclusion: Our hypothesis was confirmed in that many pediatric survivors of violent injury continue to experience negative physical and mental functional outcomes. Many participants reported worse function in the PROMIS domains of Global Physical Health, Global Mental Health and Physical Function compared with the general population. Our results suggest that the lasting effects of violent injury reach far beyond mortality and economic burden. Indeed, these additional burdens were still present years after their injury. Nearly half of subjects still report symptoms of PTSD. Based on our initial study, survivors of pediatric violent injuries often have lasting ailments that require medical and psychological support. Further resources are needed to better understand the long-term effects of violent injury and care for these patients' complex needs to allow them to achieve their full potential as people in the community.