



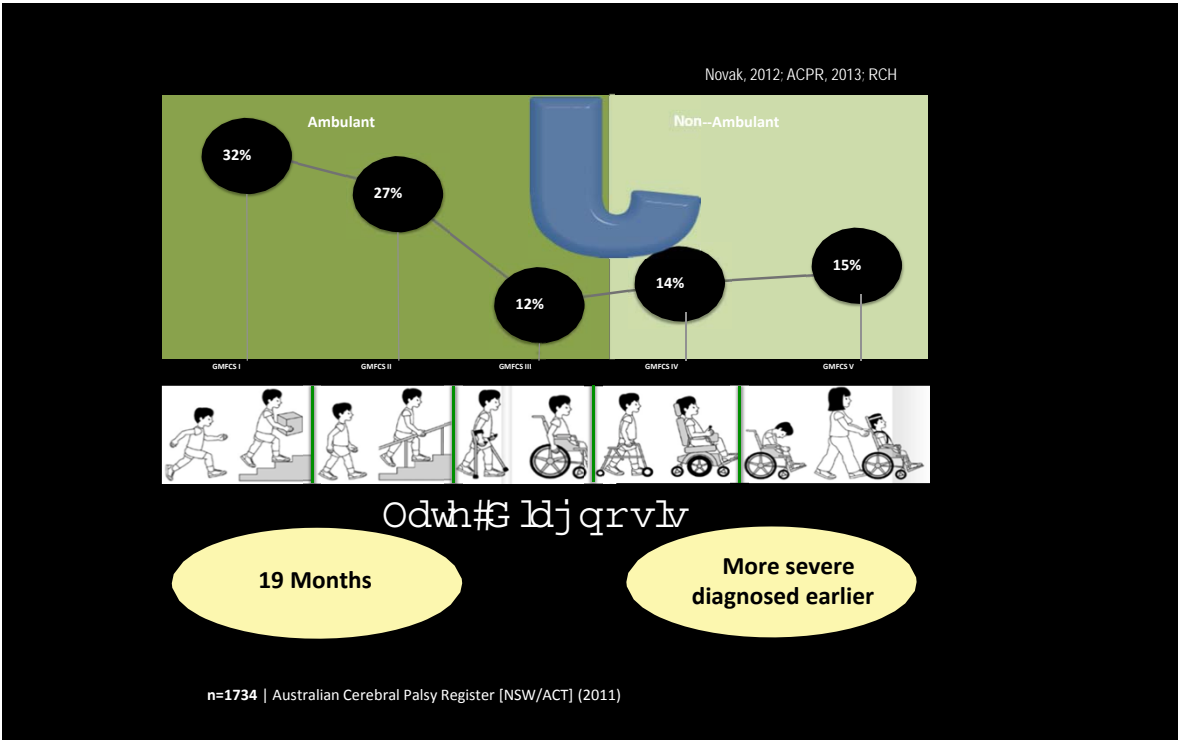
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  - Update on Molecular Therapy for Pediatric Neuromuscular Disease*: Jerry R Mendell, Linda Lowes, Lindsay Alfano, Kate Berry, Center for Gene Therapy Nationwide Children's Hospital

## OBJECTIVES

- New evidence supporting early intervention for the high risk infant for CP from birth to two years and the potential to maximize outcomes.
- Engage parents in goal setting and high value interventions.
- The importance of child-centered therapy within an enriched environment.



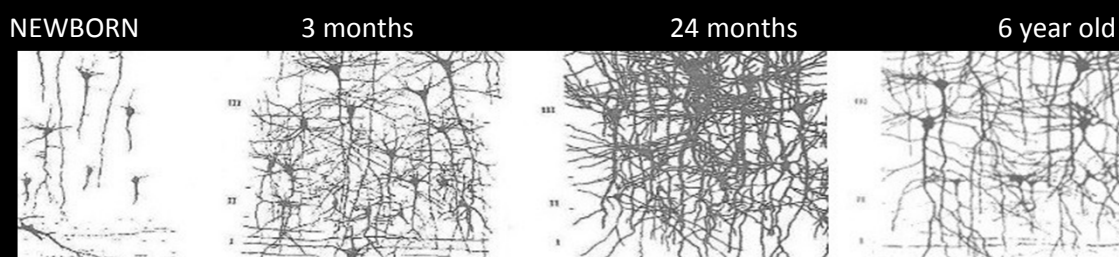


## Why Early Intervention?

Limited experiences may cause long-term deficits

- Capitalize on increased neural- plasticity during **critical period**
- Most neural connections are established **by 3 years** of age
- Pathways are established and strengthened through **repetition and practice**

### Minimal intervention within “critical period”

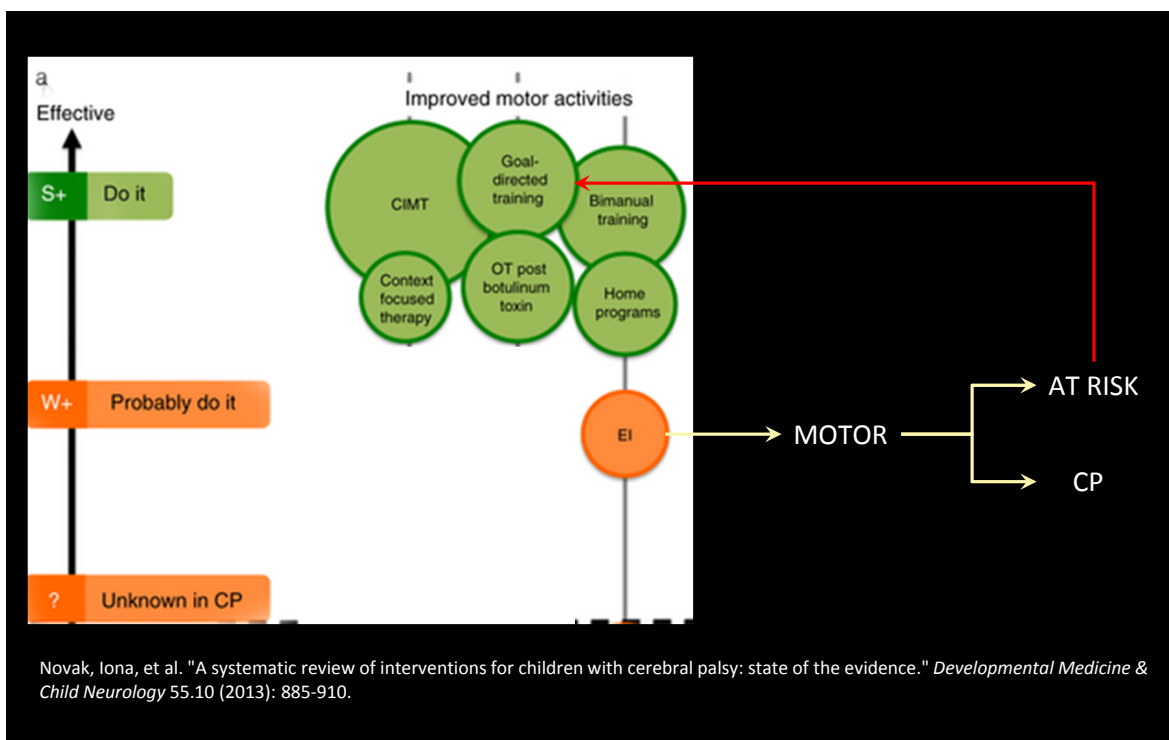


## EARLY INTERVENTION

Specific interventions should be applied very early rather than delivering general early intervention



Morgan, Catherine, et al. "Optimising motor learning in infants at high risk of cerebral palsy: a pilot study." *BMC pediatrics* 15.1 (2015): 30.



## Key Concepts Supported by Research:

J. Child Neurol. 2014 Aug;29(8):1141-56. **Evidence-based diagnosis, health care, and rehabilitation for children with cerebral palsy.** [Novak I](#)

- A diagnosis is an important step to helping a family access parental support and evidence based information to help their child
- **It is ethically prudent to recommend early intervention even if not sure of diagnosis**
- Best practice-paradigm: child actively participating in real-life task in real-life environment
- Early environmental and task modification to accommodate disability and promote inclusion and independence
- Manage comorbidities of complex diagnosis
- Services framed by the child and family's goals are considered best practice

## Key Concepts Supported by Research:

Phys Ther 2010 Dec;90(12):1868-80. **Opportunities for early intervention based on theory, basic neuroscience, and clinical science.** Ulrich BD

- We are missing the boat on opportunities for infants with motor disabilities.
- Young babies create adaptive, goal-directed movements and demonstrate systematic learning from experiences
- Change happens with self-organized interaction, goal directed and repetitive actions within context
- Activity based interventions can be administered by caregivers and guided by therapists

## Key Concepts Supported by Research:

Dev Disabil Res Rev. 011;17(2):114-29. **Cerebral palsy--don't delay.** McIntyre S, Morgan C, Walker K, Novak I.

- It is the responsibility of the health care professional who observed major risk factors or a motor delay to investigate further, diagnose at risk CP early, and refer to early intervention to optimize cognitive function
- Refer for intervention when an infant is at high risk without a formal diagnosis
- Delaying diagnosis can worsen parental depression and stress
- All children with suspected injury should have MRI imaging
- Qualitative assessment of general movements are predictive of CP. Routinely used neuro observations and standardized developmental tests are not designed to detect CP.



## International Clinical Guideline for Early Detection and Intervention for High Risk of Cerebral Palsy



COMING  
SOON

**IMPACT**  
*for Cerebral Palsy*



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## Key Ingredients:



- Shared goal-setting
- Activity-based intervention
- Routine-based practice
- Enriched environment

## Specific Strategies:

### Engaging Parents

- Therapy to support early parent-infant relationships
- Build parent confidence
- Education and training
- Build opportunities for practice
- Incorporate into daily routines

### Building Enriched Environments

- Adapt access to play, play is FUN!
- Stimulate exploration, inquiry and learning
- Enrich for cognitive, motor, sensory and social development

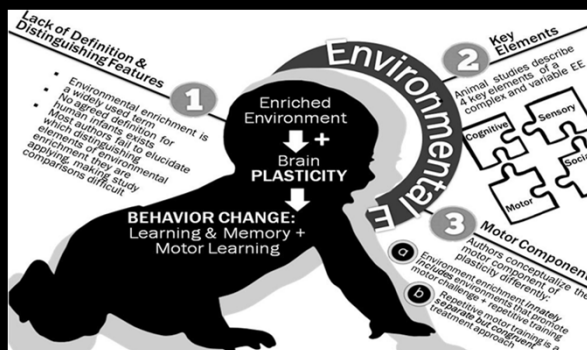
### Applying Early Motor Learning

- Goal-oriented intensive motor training (Morgan et al., 2015)
- Build in repetition
- Scaffold so infant is able to complete at least part of the task
- Experience-based activities will engage self-initiation of movement
- Occurs while participating in daily routines (ie., at the grocery)



## Key Concepts Supported by Research:

Pediatrics, 2013 Sep;132(3):e735-46. **Enriched environments and motor outcomes in cerebral palsy: systematic review and meta-analysis.** Morgan C, Novak I, Badawi N



## Infant Exploratory Learning

Discover the Contingency

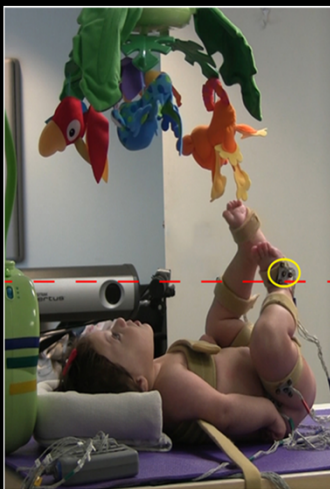
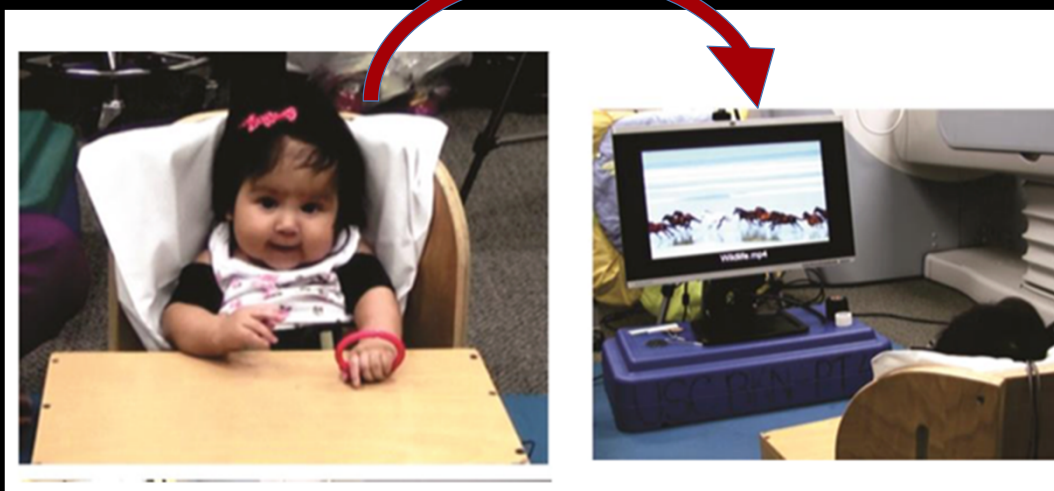


Exhibit more selective hip-knee coordination

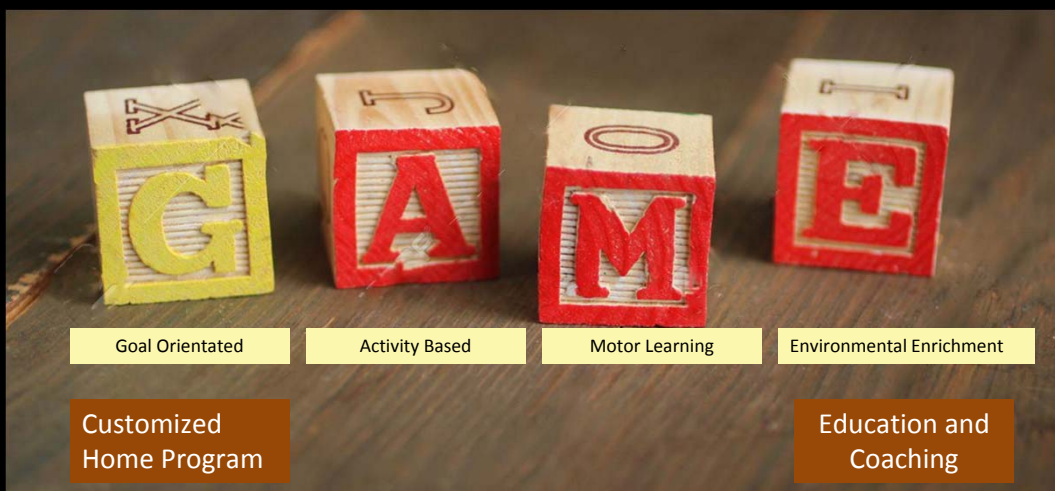
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## Augmenting Muscle Activation



DUFF, S., et al. "Self-generated feedback to increase muscle activation in children. (2015)"

# GAME Intervention



Morgan, Catherine, et al. "Optimising motor learning in infants at high risk of cerebral palsy: a pilot study." *BMC pediatrics* 15.1 (2015): 30.

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## Key Concepts Supported by Research:

Morgan et al. *BMC Pediatrics* (2015) 15:30. **Optimizing motor learning in infants at high risk of cerebral palsy: a pilot study** Catherine Morgan, Iona Novak, Russell C Dale, and Nadia Badawi

- **GAME (Goals- Activity- Motor- Enrichment) appears to offer a promising and feasible new motor intervention for CP.**
- Parents coached in simple motor task analysis and appropriate strategies to enhance development and in setting up motor enriched environments
- Favorable short-term motor outcomes were noted in standardized testing of motor ability
- Parents reported improvements in the COPM performance and satisfaction
- Important to monitor parents well-being due to higher depression and anxiety levels more than parents with children without disabilities

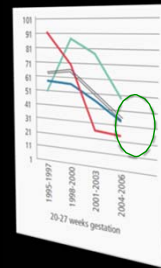
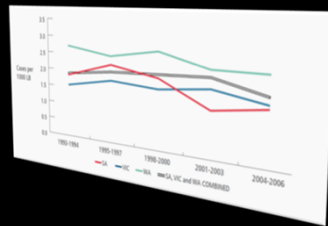
## Key Concepts Supported by Research:

Morgan et al. BMC Neurology 2014, 14:20 **GAME** :protocol of a single RCT of motor training, parent education and environmental enrichment for infants at high risk of cerebral palsy Catherine Morgan, Iona Novak, Russell C Dale, Andrea Guzzetta and Nadia Badawi

- RCT of a goal driven, motor learning approach with environmental interventions and parent education
- Set goals with family, educate parents, enrich the environment
- “standard care”- varied approaches to therapy intervention including neurodevelopmental therapy, developmental skills approach, group therapy or motor learning approaches
- Outcome measures: PDMS-2, GMFM, COPM, AHEMD-IS, DASS, BSID-III



## Until 2015 Total Rate has been Stable BUT

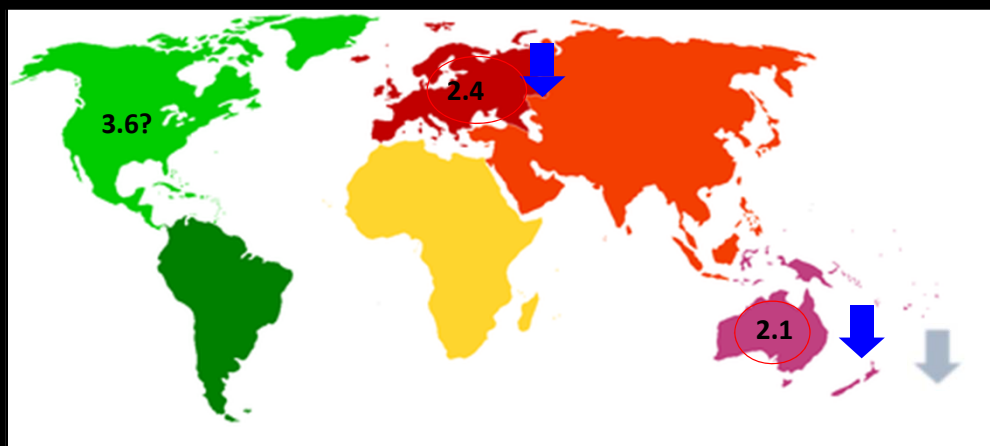


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## CEREBRAL PALSY RATES

2.1/1000



Oskoui 2013; ACPR 2013; Glinianaia 2011; Himmelmann 2014; SCPE 2000; Yeargin--Allsopp 2008



# Cerebral Palsy Registry



We are creating a national registry of information about children with cerebral palsy.

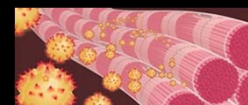


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## Molecular Therapy for Pediatric Neuromuscular Disease

### Exciting Results for 2015



### Phase I Clinical Trial in SMA type 1 Phase IIB trial using Eteplirsen for DMD

Mendell, Jerry R., et al. "Eteplirsen for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy." *Annals of neurology* 74.5 (2013): 637-647.  
Meyer, Kathrin; Ferraiuolo, Laura; Schmelzer, Leah; Braun, Lyndsey; McGovern, Vicki; Likhite, Shibi; Michels, Olivia;

Govoni, Alessandra; Fitzgerald, Julie; Morales, Pablo; Foust, Kevin, D; Mendell, Jerry, R; Burghes, Arthur, HM; Kaspar, Brian, K. 2015. Improving Single Injection CSF Delivery of AAV9-mediated Gene Therapy for SMA: A Dose-response Study in Mice and Nonhuman Primates. *MOLECULAR THERAPY*. Vol. 23, no. 3. (March): 477-487.

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Hip health important at skeletal maturity to reduce pain and improve QOL. Hip surveillance associated with better hip morphology

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## 'Green Light' Interventions for CP

### Review

#### A systematic review of interventions for children with cerebral palsy: state of the evidence



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Promote active movement initiated & executed by the child, problem-solving, practice w/ success/failures [#aacpdm2015](#) [#CerebralPalsy](#)

## Telehealth for rehabilitation

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Design Thinking Model for [#telerehab](#) facilitates care coord, family educ/coaching, home Ax/mods, interactive gaming & followup [#aacpdm2015](#)

- Design Thinking:
- Family readiness/ableness
  - Ideation & conceptualization process
  - Prototyping/piloting (QI collaboration)
  - Implementation & spread

## Telehealth considerations



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## Evidence informed health care



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10-20yr research to practice gap; 10-40% of patients don't receive proven effective txs. 20%+ receive ineffective/harmful txs

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## Steps for practice change

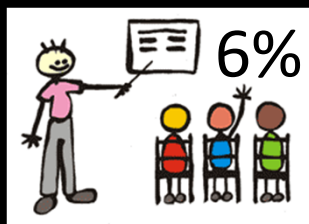
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## Identify KT strategies





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## Implementation



e.g. increased dose

- Less frequent, longer sessions
- Therapy in pairs/groups
- Record home therapy (assess treatment fidelity)
- Structured home program
- Education for families

## Treatment fidelity

- Measure to explore treatment thresholds, identify inactive ingredients and inform protocol adaptation for clinical practice



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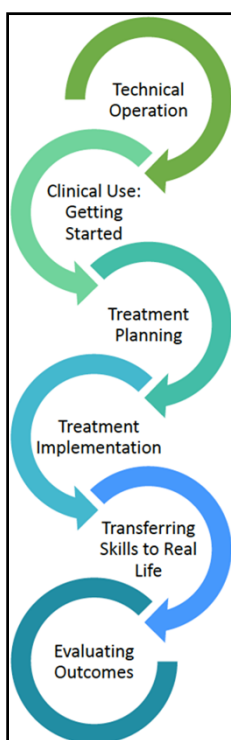
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S.Deluca presents CHAMP [#TreatmentFidelity](#) Tool for [#CIMT](#) - adaptable for other contexts [#aacpdm2015](#)

## ICF Core sets

- Describe level of functioning, facilitators and barriers that influence functioning
- Toolbox of pre-appraised measures
- E-learning modules:

<http://learn.phsa.ca/shhc/icf/>



## Competencies for using virtual reality & active video games for rehabilitation

- Applying a motor learning approach
- Resources for clinical application

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## Additional resources



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About CP: resources for evidence-informed [#CerebralPalsy](#) treatment  
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[www.childdevelopment.ca](http://www.childdevelopment.ca) => Health Conditions => CP  
=> ICF Tool



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## OBJECTIVES

- Provide an update on evidence related to the hip in children with CP
- Review current evidence for treatment of the upper extremity in children with CP
- Review recommendations for treadmill training

















# Management of the Hip

## Hip Health at Skeletal Maturity

**Hip health at skeletal maturity in adolescents and young adults with cerebral palsy.**  
Willoughby K, Thomason P, Wawrzuta J, Molesworth C, Graham K. (2015; 57 (Suppl 5): p. 46)

- Prospective, population based transition clinic
- Population: 367 individuals with CP, born Jan 1990-Dec 1992
- 103 had developed hip displacement
- 98 (95% with hip displacement) participated, mean age 19.8 (15-24 years)
- GMFCS, pain (severity and frequency), hip morphology

### Melbourne Cerebral Palsy Hip Classification System (MCPHCS – E&R)

The Melbourne Cerebral Palsy Hip Classification Scale (Expanded and Revised)		
		<b>Grade 1: Normal Hip – Migration Percentage &lt;10%</b> 1. Shenton's arch intact 2. Femoral head round (within 2mm using Mose circles) 3. Acetabulum – normal acetabular development with a normal horizontal sourcil, an everted lateral margin and normal tear drop development 4. Pelvic obliquity <5° 5. No degenerative change, no pain
		<b>Grade 2: Near Normal Hip – Migration Percentage ≥10% ≤15%</b> 1. Shenton's arch intact 2. Femoral head round or almost round 3. Acetabulum – normal or near normal development 4. Pelvic obliquity <5° 5. Low risk of degenerative change, usually pain free
		<b>Grade 3: Dysplastic Hip – Migration Percentage &gt;15% ≤30%</b> 1. Shenton's arch intact or broken by <5mm 2. Femoral head round or mildly flattened 3. Acetabulum normal or mildly dysplastic including blunting of the acetabular margin and a widened tear drop 4. Pelvic obliquity <10° 5. Low risk of degenerative change, occasionally mild pain
		<b>Grade 4: Dysplasia With Mild Subluxation – Migration Percentage &gt;30% &lt;60%</b> 1. Shenton's arch broken by >5mm 2. Femoral head some flattening – Appendix 1 3. Acetabulum dysplastic – Appendix 2 4. Pelvic obliquity variable – Appendix 3 5. Risk of degenerative change, pain variable
		<b>Grade 5: Moderate to Severe Subluxation – Migration Percentage ≥60% &lt;100%</b> 1. Shenton's arch broken by >10mm 2. Femoral head variable deformity – Appendix 1 3. Acetabulum variable deformity – Appendix 2 4. Pelvic obliquity variable – Appendix 3 5. Degenerative change frequent, pain frequent
		<b>Grade 6: Dislocated Hip – Migration Percentage ≥100%</b> 1. Shenton's arch completely disrupted 2. Femoral head variable deformity – Appendix 1 3. Acetabulum variable deformity – Appendix 2 4. Pelvic obliquity variable – Appendix 3 5. Degenerative change frequent, pain frequent
		<b>Grade 7: Salvage Surgery</b> 1. Valgus osteotomy 2. Arthrodesis 3. Excision arthroplasty (Castle) ± valgus osteotomy (McHale) 4. Replacement arthroplasty 5. Pain relief following salvage surgery: variable

## Hip Health at Skeletal Maturity

- Hip Pain associated with GMFCS Level
  - GMFCS I-III median pain score: 2 (1.0-3.0)
  - GMFCS IV/V median pain score: 3 (2.0-5.0) ( $p < 0.001$ )
- Hip surveillance associated with improved hip morphology and less pain
  - Worse hip morphology (MCPHCS grades VI and VII) had fewer hip radiographs ( $p < 0.001$ )
  - 14% not under surveillance median pain score: 7 (5.0-8.0)
  - 86% under surveillance median pain score: 2 (1.0 – 3.5) ( $p < 0.001$ )



## Hip Health at Skeletal Maturity

### Conclusion:

- Increasing GMFCS levels, combined with limited or no hip surveillance, associated with poor hip morphology and high levels of pain at skeletal maturity
- Adolescents at all GMFCS levels with access to hip surveillance and appropriately timed surgical management had generally satisfactory hip morphology at skeletal maturity and lower levels of pain

## Pelvic Obliquity at Skeletal Maturity

**Pelvic obliquity in adolescents with cerebral palsy: a population based study of prevalence and long-term consequences.** Heidt C, Hollander K, Wawrzuta J, Molesworth C, Willoughby K, Thomason P, Khot A, Graham K. (2015; 57 (Suppl 5): p. 45)

- Presence, prevalence and severity of pelvic obliquity was measured
- Median pelvic obliquity was 4° (2-8°)
- Trend that as GMFCS level increased, pelvic obliquity increased ( $p < 0.001$ )
- Strong correlation between hip morphology and pelvic obliquity
  - Hip on high side more likely to have higher migration percentage, acetabular index, and worse MCPHCS grade than hip on low side

## Pelvic Obliquity at Skeletal Maturity

### Conclusions:

- Identification and management of pelvic obliquity is important
- Ambulant adolescents: mild pelvic obliquity associated with hip dysplasia on the high side which is a risk factor for degenerative arthritis
- Non-ambulant adolescents: pelvic obliquity associated with symptomatic hip subluxation/dislocation and scoliosis

## Hip Pain and Hip Displacement

**Hip pain is more frequent in severe hip displacement; a population-based study of 68 children with cerebral palsy. Ramstad K, Terjesen T. (2015; 57 (Suppl 5): p. 12)**

- Population-based study of hip pain
- Born 2002-2006, GMFCS III-V
- 68 children responded (49% of Norwegian CP Follow up Program)
- Mean age 9yrs 2m +/- 1yr 5 m (6yrs 10m – 12 yrs)
- 14 (21%) ITB pumps, 37 (54%) had ortho surgery to improve coverage of femoral head
- Primary caregivers filled out Child Health Questionnaire (CHQ), marked location of recurrent pain on a body map

## Hip Pain and Hip Displacement

- 31% of caregivers reported hip pain
- Severe hip displacement (MP >50%) was significantly associated with hip pain ( $p = 0.01$ )
- Hip pain more frequent in children
  - With spastic quadriplegia ( $p=0.04$ )
  - Who had not undergone hip surgery (0.04)

### Conclusions:

- Pain was distributed across the whole range of pain severity
- Pain severity increased with increasing migration percentage
- Surgical correction recommended before MP 50%



## Upper Extremity

## CIMT and Bimanual Therapy

**Pediatric constraint induced movement and bimanual therapy implementation into the clinic setting. Harpster K, Garcia Reidy T, Tanner KJ.**

### Modified-Constraint-Induced Movement Therapy (mCIMT):

- Intervention where constraint is used on the unaffected hand of children with hemiplegia to improve use of their affected hand

### Bimanual Therapy

- Intervention to improve two hand function in children with hemiplegia to improve function in tasks that require two hands

**Gold standard interventions for improving arm and hand function and independence in daily activities for children with hemiplegia**

## Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Centre Evidence-Based Care Guidelines

### Target population:

- >1 year of age
- Unilateral UE impairment(s) associated with neurological conditions (e.g. cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, tumor resection, brachial plexus injury, etc.)
- Caregiver able and willing to commit

### Exclusions:

- Not able to participate in purposeful play of functional activities
- Contracture(s) significantly limiting arm function
- Dystonia preventing controlled movements by the patient

## Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Centre Evidence-Based Care Guidelines

Literature says:

- CIMT and BIT at the same intensity were equally as effective in improving hand function
- CIMT showed greater gains in unilateral function while BIT showed greater gains in bimanual function
- Current studies looking at CIMT followed by BIT
- Many questions still to be answered....

## Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Centre Evidence-Based Care Guidelines

1. Include family self-management education and skill building
2. In-depth education for family to understand the commitment necessary prior to starting
3. Evaluation and treatment by OT or PT trained in mCIMT/BIT principles
4. Initial assessment within 2 months of initiating treatment (standardized assessment tools)
5. Assessment should include 1x measure for individualized patient/family goals, 2x measures for activity (1x unimanual and 1x bimanual)
6. Combo of mCIMT followed by BIT (48-63 hours during an episode of care)

## Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Centre Evidence-Based Care Guidelines

7. Shared decision making re: protocol selection, method of constraint, home program, need for continued therapy services
8. Treatment: individual or group, based on mCIMT/BIT principles provided
9. Reassess within 1 month for future planning
10. 3 month break recommended between session



## Treadmill Training



## Recommended Treadmill Training Parameters

**Ronan S, Bingham E, Mushkat S, Sedman E. Recommended treadmill training parameters for persons with cerebral palsy based on the GMFCS levels: a systematic review. (2015; 57 (Suppl 5): p. 67)**

- SR of partial weight bearing (PWBTT) and full weight bearing (FWBTT) treadmill training
- Children with CP less than 21 years
- Articles published January 2007 – March 2014
- 174 articles reviewed; 19 met inclusion criteria
- 13 PWBTT, 6 FWBTT
- GMFCS I – V in PWBTT articles
- GMFCS I- III in FWBTT articles
- Settings: home, schools, clinics
- Protocol lengths: 2 – 12 weeks
- Frequency 2 – 6 days per week, 1-2 times per day

## Recommended Treadmill Training Parameters

### Outcomes:

- 7 endurance (3 found ss improvements)
- 15 gross motor function (10 ss)
- 14 ambulation outcomes (9 ss)
- 5 balance outcome (3 ss)

### Conclusions:

- PWBTT and FWBTT show promise as an effective intervention technique
- Children at GMFCS levels I-IV may benefit from PWBTT
- Children at GMFCS levels I-III may benefit from FWBTT
- Studies need for children GMFCS V
- Heterogeneity of protocol parameters suggest children with CP can make improvements with shorter duration, higher intensity and longer duration, lower intensity programs
- More studies on dosage are necessary