PROMPTS for

Cerebral Palsy Referral



TYPICAL

Development

ATYPICAL

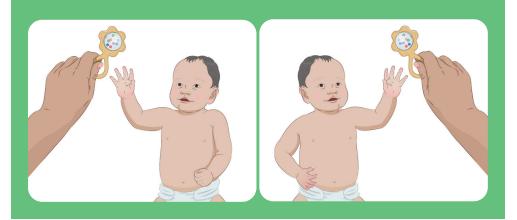
Development

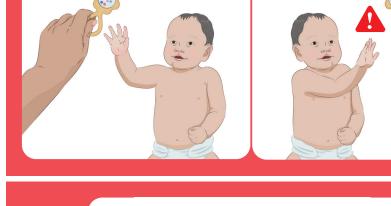


If "YES" to any ONE of these ATYPICAL SIGNS, refer to a child neurologist or a developmental pediatrician for diagnostic assessment

The child consistently demonstrates a hand preference before 12 months of age

CLINICAL FEATURES

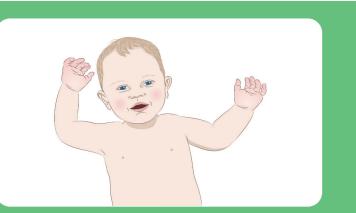








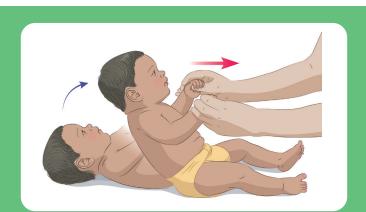
The child demonstrates stiffness or tightness in the legs between 6–12 months of age (e.g. unable to bring their toes to mouth when having their diaper/nappy changed)







The child consistently keeps their hands fisted (closed/clenched) after the age of 4 months





The child demonstrates a persistent head lag beyond 4 months of age







The child is not able to sit without support beyond 9 months of age





The child demonstrates consistent asymmetry of posture and movements after the age of 4 months

When referring to a medical

specialist for diagnostic

assessment, also refer to:

WARNING **SIGNS**



If "YES" to EITHER of these signs, monitor rather than immediately refer for diagnostic assessment

Abnormal if this persists beyond 6 months:





The child demonstrates a persistent Moro **reflex** beyond 6 months of age





The child demonstrates consistent toe-walking or asymmetric-walking beyond 12 months of age

REFERRAL **RECOMMENDATIONS**

 All children should be referred to a motor intervention specialist (e.g. pediatric occupational therapist and/or pediatric physical therapist)

 If the child manifests a delay in communication, they should be referred to a speech-language pathologist

 If the child manifests hearing concerns, a referral should be made to an audiologist

 If the child manifests vision difficulties (e.g. not fixating, following, and/or tracking), a referral should be made to an optometrist or an ophthalmologist, and to a functional vision specialist (e.g. occupational therapist with expertise in pediatric vision; early childhood vision consultants)

• If the child manifests feeding difficulties (e.g. poor sucking, swallowing, choking, not gaining weight), a referral should be made to a **feeding specialist** (e.g. occupational therapist or speechlanguage pathologist)