### Northern Ireland Cerebral Palsy Register

**A Register of children and young people with a motor deficit of central origin**

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This form is intended as an epidemiological tool for collecting data on impairment and disability in children with a motor deficit of central origin (subsumed under the umbrella term ‘cerebral palsy’ or CP). It will provide the data necessary to identify groups of children with similar clinical profiles over a period of time as a basis for aetiological and health services research.

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This form is based on:


Have you given an information leaflet to parents/guardians?
**DESCRIPTION OF IMPAIRMENT**

1. **Abnormal unwanted movement** - observed. If present please tick appropriate boxes

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<th>With excitement/goal directed movement</th>
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<td>Other (please describe):</td>
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**Comments:**  

2. **Felt tone.** Tick **one** box for each limb

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<th>(R) Upper Limb</th>
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<td>Varying with time/position (e.g. sleep)</td>
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   If Yes, describe:  

**Comments (E.g. clonus, hyperreflexian operative procedure such as tendon release):**

____________________________________________________
3. **Distribution of involvement**

Tick one box for each question

- **R/L asymmetry of tone or function**
  - Yes
  - No
  - Uncertain
  - Right
  - Left

- **If yes, which side is worse**
  - Upper limbs
  - Lower limbs
  - Uncertain

- **Which limbs are more affected?**

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**FUNCTIONAL SEVERITY – DEVELOPMENTAL AGE APPROPRIATE**

4. **Head and neck (with shoulders held)**

- **Normal head control**
- **Abnormal head control but can hold head up for extended periods of time**
- **Poor head control; can only hold head for very short periods of time**
- **No obvious head control**

5. **Trunk**

- **Normal trunk control**
- **Can sit unsupported but less secure and stable than normal child of same age**
- **Cannot sit unsupported**
- **Difficult to place or maintain in sitting – including inability to sit because of deformity**

**Questions 6 and 8 ONLY to be completed if the child is 4 years or older**


- **Level I: Handles objects easily and successfully.** At most, limitations in the ease of performing manual tasks requiring speed and accuracy. However, any limitations in manual abilities do not restrict independence in daily activities.
- **Level II: Handles most objects but with somewhat reduced quality and/or speed of achievement.** May avoid some tasks or use alternative ways of performance. However manual abilities do not usually restrict independence in daily activities.
- **Level III: Handles objects with difficulty; needs help to prepare and/or modify activities.** The performance is slow and achieved with limits success regarding quality and quantity. Activities are performed independently if they have been set up or adapted.
- **Level IV: Handles a limited selection of easily managed objects in adapted situations.** Performs parts of activities with effort and with limited success. Requires continuous support and assistance and/or adapted equipment for even partial achievement of the activity.
- **Level V: Does not handle objects and has severely limited ability to perform even simple actions.** Requires total assistance.
7. **Lower limb function – gait and walking aids.** Tick one option.

Aids regularly used to facilitate walking?  
Yes  
No  
Uncertain

(if yes, please indicate type): ____________________________

- Gait fluent with no significant problems  
- Gait functional but non-fluent  
- Gait obviously abnormal reducing mobility and/or restricting lifestyle  
- No independent walking

Comments: ____________________________

8. **Gross Motor Function Classification System (GMFCS) 4 to 6 year band**.

Tick one option

**Level I:**
Gets in/out of chair and move from sit to stand without hand support. Walks indoors and outdoors and climb stairs. Emerging ability to run and jump.

**Level II:**
Sits in a chair with both hands free to manipulate objects. Requires surface to push or pull on to move from sit to stand. Walks without the need for a hand-held mobility device indoors and for short distances on level surfaces outdoors. Uses stairs with railing. Unable to run or jump.

**Level III:**
Sits on a regular chair but may require pelvic or trunk support to maximize hand function. Moves in and out of chair using a stable surface to push on or pull up on. Uses hand-held mobility device on level surfaces and climb stairs with assistance from an adult. May propel manual wheelchair (may require assistance for long distance).

**Level IV:**
Sits on a chair with adaptive seating for trunk control and to maximize hand function. Moves in and out of chair with assistance from an adult/stable surface to push or pull up on. Walking ability is severely limited even with assistance devices. Uses wheelchair most of the time; may propel their own powered wheelchair.

**Level V:**
Physical impairments restrict voluntary control of movement and the ability to maintain antigravity head and trunk postures. All areas of motor function are limited. No means of independent movement. Some children may achieve self-mobility using powered wheelchair with extensive adaptations.

1Robert Palisano, Peter Rosenbaum, Doreen Bartlett, Michael Livingstone, 2007. CanChild Centre for Childhood Disability Research, McMaster University
9. **CP subtype.** Please select PREDOMINANT type of CP. Please refer to the Classification Tree below². If mixed tick all boxes that apply and circle the PREDOMINANT subtype.

![Classification Tree Diagram]

10. When do you think the child’s motor impairment occurred?
   Congenital CP: before/during the perinatal period ≤28 days of life □
   Acquired CP: after the perinatal period > 28 days of life □

11. Acquired CP
   Age of child (years and months) or date impairment occurred: ______________________
   Possible causes for acquired CP: ____________________________________________

12. Congenital CP; likely cause of child’s motor impairment. E.g. underlying disease, significant perinatal event

13. Syndromes and congenital abnormalities
   Syndromes present □ □ □  Yes  No Uncertain
   If yes, please indicate: _______________________________________________________

   Congenital abnormality □ □ □  Yes  No Uncertain
   If yes, please indicate: _______________________________________________________

14. Other major medical problems:
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
15. **Brain-Head MRI**

If yes, please describe results and approximate age of child at time of MRI.

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**MRI result classification. Please select the PREDOMINANT MRI finding.**

1. Tick main category A, B, C, D, E or Unknown
2. If ticked A, B or C, please also tick subcategory if known, A1, A2, A3, A4, B1, B2, B3, C1, C2 or C3

A) **Maldevelopments 1st & 2nd trimester patterns**

A.1 disorders of proliferation

A.2 disorders of migration

A.3 disorders of organisation

A.4 maldevelopments - other

*Category A but uncertain whether is A1, A2, A3 or A4*

B) **Periventricular white matter lesions early 3rd trimester patterns**

B.1. PVL (mild/severe)

B.2. Sequelae of intraventricular haemorrhage (IVH) or periventricular haemorrhagic infarction (PHI)

B.3. combination of PVL and IVH sequelae

*Category B but uncertain whether B1, B2 or B3*

C) **Cortical and deep grey matter lesions ‘late 3rd trimester patterns’**

C.1. basal ganglia/thalamus

C.2. parasagittal watershed lesions

C.3. MCA infarctions

*Category C but uncertain whether C1, C2 or C3*

D) **Other changes – not classified**

E) **Normal**

Unknown

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BIRTH HISTORY

16. Address (residence) at time of birth: ____________________________________________
                                            ____________________________________________ Postcode ____________

17. Hospital at birth _____________________________________________________________

18. Birth weight: ________________________  Gestation (complete weeks) ________

19. Delivery
   Normal vaginal delivery □
   Instrumental vaginal delivery □
   Caesarean section
       Elective/before labour □
       Emergency/during labour □
       Unknown □
   Unknown □

20. Birth number
    Singleton □
    Twin □
    Triplet □
    Other □

21. If multiple birth, please indicate birth order
    First □
    Second □
    Third □
    Other □

22. Admission to NICU
    (not SCBU)
    Yes □
    No □
    Unknown □

23. Ventilation, respiratory support (no resuscitation)
    Yes – intubation □
    Yes - CPAP □
    No □
    Unknown □

24. Apgar Scores
    1 min _________ 5 min _________ 10 min _________ Unknown □

25. Umbilical cord pH at birth
    Arterial _________ Venous _________ Unknown □
## ASSOCIATED IMPAIRMENTS

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*Ostomy: gastrostomy, jejunostomy and gastrojejunostomy
33. **Hearing impairment**
   - No
   - Yes, not profound or severe
   - Yes, profound or severe >70dB
   - Unknown

34. **Vision impairment**
   - No
   - Yes, not blind or without useful vision
   - Yes, blind or no useful vision
   - Unknown

**Is there a visual field defect present?**
- Yes
- No
- Uncertain

Comments for associated impairments (feeding/speech/intellectual/communication/hearing/vision)

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

35. **Sibling with CP?**
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unknown

If YES, give name: ___________________________  Sex: ___  Date of birth: _______________________

36. **Current school**
    __________________________

37. **Name of child’s General Practitioner:**
    __________________________
    Address: __________________________

38. **Please list clinicians who may have additional information on this child**
    __________________________
    __________________________
    __________________________

39. **Name of clinician completing form:**
    __________________________
    Position: __________________________
    Address: __________________________
    __________________________  Telephone: __________________________
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