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Notification no.

Booklet no.

Northern Ireland Cerebral Palsy Register

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

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Child's name:		Sex:
H&C number:	Date of birth:	
Address:		
	Post code:	
Date of 1st assessment for booklet completion:		
Date when child was first seen by clinician completing the booklet:		
Date of re-assessment for booklet completion:		
Date when child was first seen by clinician re-assessing the booklet:		

For office use only

First assessment	Date received:	Date entered:	Date validated:
Re-assessment	Date received:	Date entered:	Date validated:



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## GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETION AND RETURN

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.

Please **return** the form to:

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Other useful websites:

<http://www.scpenetwork.eu/>



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

This form is based on:

- Evans, P., Johnston, A., Mutch, L. and Alberman, E. (1989). *A standard form for recording clinical findings in children with a motor deficit of central origin*. *Developmental and Child Neurology*, 31; 119 – 127.
- *Surveillance of CP in Europe (SCPE)*: Authors (2000) *Surveillance of cerebral palsy in Europe: A collaboration of cerebral palsy surveys and registers*. *Developmental and Child Neurology*, 42:816-824.
- *SCPE – charter on neuroimaging* available on <http://www.scpenetwork.eu/en/about-scpe/scpe-net-project>

# DESCRIPTION OF IMPAIRMENT

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

	At rest	With excitement/ goal directed movement
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Short and jerky	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slow and writhing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tremor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flexor/extensor spasms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abnormal postures or grimacing resulting from voluntary movements elsewhere in the body		<input type="checkbox"/>
Inco-ordination (only if not secondary to increased tone or weakness)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown		<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please describe): _____		

Comments:

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

	(R) Upper Limb	(L) Upper Limb	(R) Lower Limb	(L) Lower Limb
Within normal range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decreased	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Varying with time/position ( e.g. sleep)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes	No	Uncertain	
Contractures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

If Yes, describe : \_\_\_\_\_

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

3. **Distribution of involvement**

Tick one box for each question

	Yes	No	Uncertain
R/L asymmetry of tone or function	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Right	Left	
If yes, which side is worse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Upper limbs	Lower limbs	Uncertain
Which limbs are more affected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**FUNCTIONAL SEVERITY – DEVELOPMENTAL AGE APPROPRIATE**

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

Normal head control	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abnormal head control but can hold head up for extended periods of time	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poor head control; can only hold head for very short periods of time	<input type="checkbox"/>
No obvious head control	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. **Trunk**

Normal trunk control	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can sit unsupported but less secure and stable than normal child of same age	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cannot sit unsupported	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficult to place or maintain in sitting – including inability to sit because of deformity	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

6. **Upper limb function. Manual Ability Classification System (MACS). Tick one option.**

<b>Level I: Handles objects easily and successfully.</b> 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Level II: Handles most objects but with somewhat reduced quality and/or speed of achievement.</b> May avoid some tasks or use alternative ways of performance. However manual abilities do not usually restrict independence in daily activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Level III: Handles objects with difficulty; needs help to prepare and/or modify activities.</b> 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Level IV: Handles a limited selection of easily managed objects in adapted situations.</b> 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Level V: Does not handle objects and has severely limited ability to perform even simple actions.</b> Requires total assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**7. Lower limb function – gait and walking aids.** Tick one option.

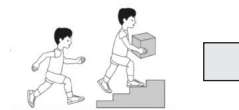
	Yes	No	Uncertain
Aids regularly used to facilitate walking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(If yes, please indicate type): _____			
Gait fluent with no significant problems			<input type="checkbox"/>
Gait functional but non-fluent			<input type="checkbox"/>
Gait obviously abnormal reducing mobility and/or restricting lifestyle			<input type="checkbox"/>
No independent walking			<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

**8. Gross Motor Function Classification System (GMFCS) 4 to 6 year band<sup>1</sup>.** 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:**

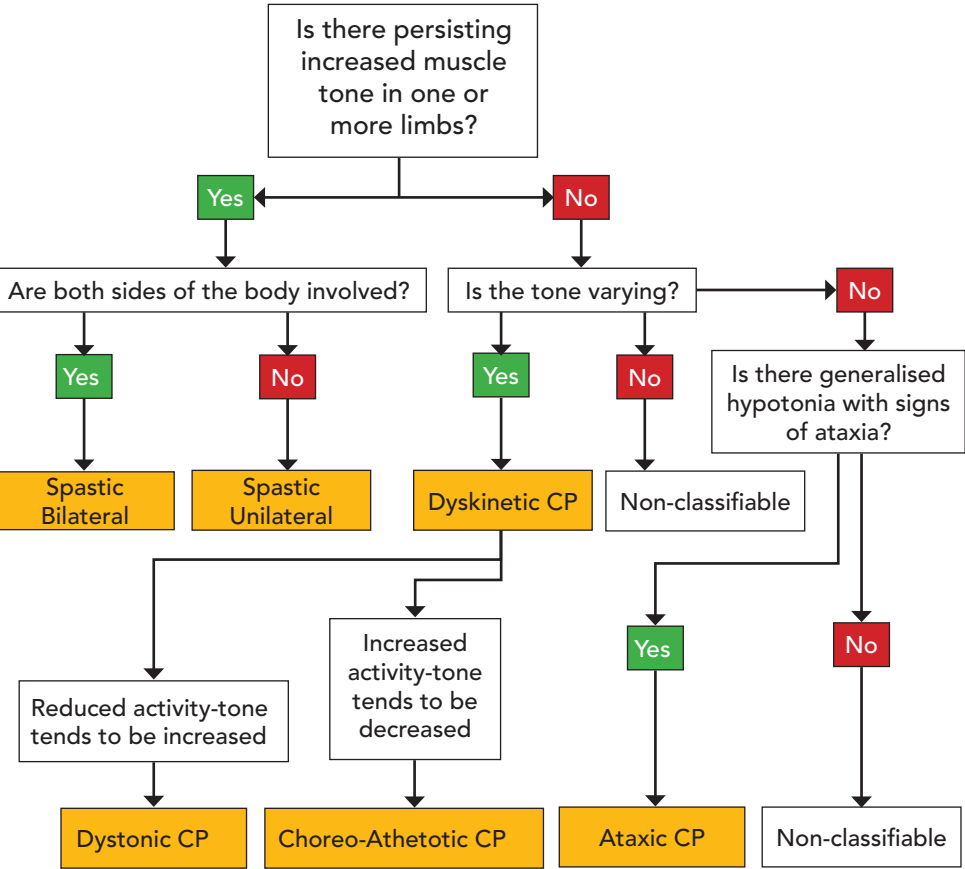
Physical impairments restrict voluntary control of movement and the ability to maintain antigravity head and trunk postures. All areas of motor function are limited. No means of independent movement. Some children may achieve self-mobility using powered wheelchair with extensive adaptations



<sup>1</sup>Robert Palisano, Peter Rosenbaum, Doreen Bartlett, Michael Livingstone, 2007.  
CanChild Centre for Childhood Disability Research, McMaster University

# CP SUBTYPE, DIAGNOSIS, CONGENITAL ABNORMALITIES AND OTHER MEDICAL PROBLEMS

9. CP subtype. Please select **PREDOMINANT** type of CP. Please refer to the Classification Tree below<sup>2</sup>. If mixed tick all boxes that apply and circle the **PREDOMINANT** subtype.



Spastic bilateral	2 limb	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spastic unilateral	Right side	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ataxic	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3 limb	<input type="checkbox"/>		Left side	<input type="checkbox"/>		Unclassifiable
	4 limb	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dyskinetic	Dystonic	<input type="checkbox"/>		
				Choreo-athetotic	<input type="checkbox"/>		

<sup>2</sup>SCPE Collaborative Group. Surveillance of cerebral palsy in Europe: A collaboration of cerebral palsy surveys and registers. Dev Med Child Neuro. 2000; 42:816-824

**10. When do you think the child's motor impairment occurred?**

**Congenital CP:** before/during the perinatal period  $\leq 28$  days of life

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**Acquired CP:** after the perinatal period  $> 28$  days of life

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**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**

Yes                      No                      Uncertain

Syndromes present

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If **yes**, please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Yes                      No                      Uncertain

Congenital abnormality

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If **yes**, please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**14. Other major medical problems:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	No	Uncertain
15. Brain-Head MRI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**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<sup>3</sup>

<b>A) Maldevelopments 1st &amp; 2nd trimester patterns</b>	Unilateral	Bilateral
A.1 disorders of proliferation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A.2 disorders of migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A.3 disorders of organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A.4 maldevelopments - other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Category A but uncertain whether is A1, A2, A3 or A4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>B) Periventricular white matter lesions early 3rd trimester patterns</b>		
B.1. PVL (mild/severe)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B.2. Sequelae of intraventricular haemorrhage (IVH) or periventricular haemorrhagic infarction (PHI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B.3. combination of PVL and IVH sequelae	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Category B but uncertain whether B1, B2 or B3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>C) Cortical and deep grey matter lesions 'late 3rd trimester patterns'</b>		
C.1. basal ganglia/thalamus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C.2. parasagittal watershed lesions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C.3. MCA infarctions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Category C but uncertain whether C1, C2 or C3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>D) Other changes – not classified</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>E) Normal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Unknown</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<sup>3</sup>SCPE – charter on neuroimaging available on <http://www.scpenetwork.eu/en/about-scpe/scpe-net-project/>



## 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instrumental vaginal delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caesarean section Elective/before labour	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency/during labour	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 20. Birth number

Singleton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Twin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Triplet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 21. If multiple birth, please indicate birth order

First	<input type="checkbox"/>
Second	<input type="checkbox"/>
Third	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 22. Admission to NICU (not SCBU)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 23. Ventilation, respiratory support (no resuscitation)

Yes – intubation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes - CPAP	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 24. Apgar Scores

1 min \_\_\_\_\_ 5 min \_\_\_\_\_ 10 min \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown ☐

### 25. Umbilical cord pH at birth

Arterial \_\_\_\_\_ Venous \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown ☐

## ASSOCIATED IMPAIRMENTS

\*Ostomy: gastrostomy, jejunostomy and gastrojejunostomy

### 26. Swallowing and feeding, please tick **one** as appropriate

- No feeding problems ☐
- Fed orally but with difficulties (e.g. thickened diet) ☐
- Not fed orally ☐
- Unknown ☐

### 28. Excessive drooling Yes No Uncertain

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### 30. Articulation of speech – usual speech. Only to be completed if the child is **4 or older**

- Speech is not affected by motor disorder ☐
- Speech is imprecise but usually understandable to unfamiliar listeners ☐
- Speech is unclear and not usually understandable to unfamiliar listeners out of context ☐
- No understandable speech ☐

### 31. Intellectual impairment, please tick **one** as appropriate

- Unlikely to be intellectually impaired ☐
- Moderate delay ☐
- Severe delay ☐
- Delayed but unknown extent ☐

### 27. If not fed orally

- |   | Yes                              | No                       | Uncertain                |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| NG tube                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ostomy* present                           | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, please indicate date of insertion | <input type="text" value="/ /"/> |                          |                          |
| Ostomy* removed                           | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, please indicate date when removed | <input type="text" value="/ /"/> |                          |                          |

### 31. Method of communication

Only to be completed if the child is **4 or older**

- Speech ☐
- Alternative formal methods (e.g. Makaton) ☐
- Not communicating by speech or formal methods (e.g. child may use grimacing, face expressions etc) ☐
- Unknown ☐

### 32. Has ever had epileptic seizures (excluding febrile or neonatal seizures)

- Never ☐
- Yes, has had seizures but no longer active or needing medication ☐
- Yes, seizures still active needing medication ☐
- Unknown ☐

- Yes No Uncertain
- Standardised assessment used? ☐ ☐ ☐

If yes, please name test used, overall score & age of child when performed:

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**33. Hearing impairment**

No

Yes, not profound or severe

Yes, profound or severe &gt;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)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION****35. Sibling with CP?**

Yes

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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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