

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Today's Date: _____

Cerebral Palsy Defined

Movement, tone, and/or posture dysfunction secondary to abnormalities of the developing fetal or infant brain	Signs and symptoms of CP overlap with many other conditions; slowly progressive neurodegenerative disorders can be mistaken for CP	CP does not cause progressive degeneration of the nervous system	It is the most common cause of childhood disability- occurs in 2/1000 live birth	Risk factors/ etiology can be prenatal, perinatal, postnatal, and prematurity	Diagnosis is based on a combination of clinical findings: motor delay, persistence of primitive reflexes, and abnormal postural reactions	Clinical signs evolve as the nervous system matures and a definite diagnosis of CP typically requires serial examination
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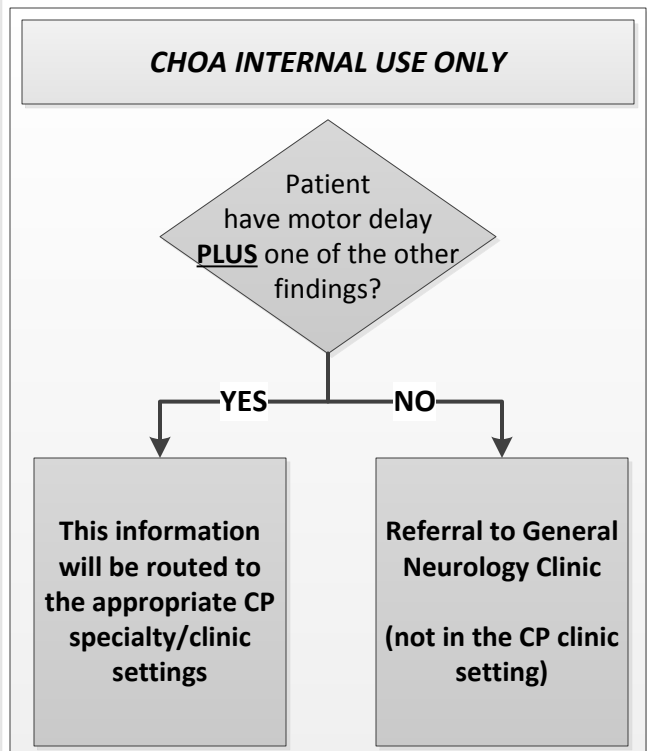
Assessment Finding	Yes	No
Poor head control (motor)		
Floppiness, Hypotonia (motor)		
Stiffness, Hypertonia (motor)		
Lie or sit in awkward positions (motor)		
Delay in sitting, crawling, walking (motor)		
Asymmetric crawling or toe-walking (motor)		
Persistence of primitive reflexes (motor)		
Early handedness (prefer one hand by 1 year of age) (motor)		
Poor coordination and balance (motor)		
Involuntary movements (motor)		
Exaggerated reflexes/hyperreflexia (motor)		

Pediatrician Instructions:

- Fill in Patient Name, date of birth and today's date on line above
- Complete the Assessment Findings section; checking the boxes
- Please fax this sheet, patient demographics sheet, office information, and CHOA referral form to:
404-785-9111 or call 404-785-DOCS to discuss

Motor Delay Defined
Failure to achieve motor milestones (e.g. independent sitting, crawling, walking, balance, use of hands) within normal age range

Easily or frequently startled		
Prenatal exposure to alcohol, tobacco or illicit drugs		
Maternal pregnancy infections		
Multiple gestation (twins,etc.)		
Born prematurely?		
Born with very low birth weight?		
Low Apgar at 5/10/20 minutes?		
Known structural brain lesion? (i.e. HIE, stroke)		
Difficulty feeding and/or sucking		
Visual impairment?		



History of seizures?		
Have a Baclofen pump? Phenol Injections?		
Have received Botox Injections?		
Had a Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy?		