

Decision Tree for Therapists and Early Identification of Motor Disorder
Guidelines for the Family Infant Toddler Program

Signs Prompting Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy Evaluation before 6 months of age		Signs Prompting Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy Evaluation after 6 months of age
INFANTS < 6 MONTHS WITH KNOWN RISK	INFANTS < 6 MONTHS WITHOUT KNOWN RISK	INFANTS > 6 months All signs prior to 6 mos. would prompt referral in addition to these signs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prematurity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Persistent orientation of head to one side beyond <u>4 months</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inability to sit independently by <u>9 months</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encephalopathy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Persistent fisting of hands past <u>4 months</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inability to take weight through flat feet when supported in standing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stroke or Intraventricular Hemorrhage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Persistent head lag beyond <u>4 months</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hand function asymmetry - strong preference of one hand over the other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intrauterine Growth Retardation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Feeding issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parental concern
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