

CEREBRAL PALSY (CP)

Cerebral palsy (CP) is a broad term used to describe a group of disorders that affects movement due to damage to the developing brain. CP usually develops by age 2 or 3 and does not continue to worsen throughout life.

However, the symptoms due to the brain damage often change over time; sometimes getting better and sometimes getting worse. CP is one of the most common causes of chronic childhood disability.

CP affects people in different ways and can affect body movement, muscle control, muscle coordination, muscle tone, reflex, posture and balance.

People who have cerebral palsy may also have visual, learning, hearing, speech, epilepsy and intellectual impairments.

People with cerebral palsy may experience:

- Uncontrolled or unpredictable movements
- Stiff, tight or weak muscles
- Shaky movements or tremors
- Difficulties with swallowing and breathing
- Bladder and bowel control issues

BLACKBURN'S staff will match patients' needs with the proper equipment and supplies that allow them to continue their current activity level at home.

The following list is an example of equipment and supplies a person might need with the diagnosis of cerebral palsy.



For local support resources, contact

www.ucp.org

Medical Supplies

Youth/Adult Briefs
Suction Units
Tracheostomy Tubes & Supplies
Urological Supplies
Wound Care
Enteral & Supplemental Nutrition

Mobility Equipment

Scooters, Walkers & Rollators
Standard & Complex:
Manual or Power Wheelchairs
Assistive Technology Professionals (ATPs)

Home Accessibility

Stair Lifts
Vertical Platform Lifts
Portable & Modular Ramp Systems
Certified Environmental Access Consultant
(C.E.A.C)

Ventilator Program

Trilogy 100 Ventilator
Ventilator Supplies
Cough Assist
Respiratory Therapist

Pharmacy

Prescribed Medications
Pharmacist Consultations

Retail Showroom

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Wrist & Leg Bracing

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