



Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Cerebral Palsy

Learn about the latest advances in cerebral palsy research and clinical services and hear from a panel of experts—individuals with cerebral palsy and family members.

Saturday, November 1, 2014 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Complimentary coffee & bagels at 8:30 a.m.)

9:00–9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction to the Waisman Center

Albee Messing, VMD, PhD, Professor of Neuropathology, Interim Director, Waisman Center

9:30–10:00 a.m.

Studies of Speech and Language Development in Children with CP: New Findings and Clinical Implications

Katie Hustad, PhD, CCC-SLP, Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders and Waisman Center Investigator
At least 60% of children with cerebral palsy have some type of communication disorder. However, research examining the specific nature of communication problems in children with CP and how these problems change over time has only recently begun. Preliminary results from a nine-year longitudinal study of more than 100 children with CP and their speech and language development will be presented. Implications for therapy services will be discussed.

10:00–10:30 a.m.

Using Assistive Technology to Support Communication and Language Development for Children with Cerebral Palsy

Julie Gamradt, MS, CCC-SLP, Director, Waisman Center Communication Aids and Systems Clinic (CASC)
Children with cerebral palsy can encounter significant barriers to establishing functional communication using speech and may benefit from assistive technology (AT) to support their communication development. This presentation will highlight the benefits of supporting communication development using AT at an early age and provide examples of current AT that is available to support communication, highlighting adapted access methods and iPad-based communication apps. Strategies to teach children to use AT for communication will also be presented.

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10:45–11:15 a.m.

Airway, Feeding, and Swallowing Difficulties in Children with Cerebral Palsy

Shannon Theis, PhD, CCC-SLP, Senior Clinical Speech Pathologist, Waisman Center Clinics
Children with cerebral palsy commonly have feeding and swallowing difficulties, which place them at increased risk for aspiration and potential pulmonary problems, decreased nutritional status, and longer meal times. Discussion regarding the types of swallowing difficulties, clinical and instrumental evaluations, decision-making for interventions, and the importance of an interdisciplinary approach will be presented.

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

LUNCH—Optional, \$5 box lunches (Cousins Subs) available for purchase. Gluten free options available.
Optional question and answer session with a panel of clinicians.

12:15–1:00p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION—A panel of experts that includes individuals with CP and family members.
Moderated by Maureen Durkin, PhD, DrPH, Professor, Population Health Sciences and Pediatrics and Waisman Center Investigator

Please pre-register at
waisman.wisc.edu/events-experts-cp-Nov2014.htm

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