



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 10, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
(Complimentary coffee & bagels at 8:30 a.m.)

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction to the Waisman Center

Qiang Chang, PhD, Director, Waisman Center

9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Rehabilitation

Kristin Caldera, DO, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Medicine

Today more attention is paid to the subject of transitioning children from a pediatric system of medical care to an adult system, particularly for children with developmental disabilities. This presentation will discuss some of the differences between the pediatric and adult medical systems, provide a tool for navigating the “gap,” and share perspectives from an adult provider and rehabilitation physician on transition and caring for adults with developmental disabilities.

9:45 - 10:15 a.m.

Speech and Language Development in Children with Cerebral Palsy: Early Predictors of Later Outcomes

Katie Hustad, PhD, Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

At least 60% of children with cerebral palsy (CP) have some type of communication disorder. However, research examining the specific nature of communication problems in children with CP and how these problems change with development, has only recently begun. In this presentation results from a series of cross sectional and longitudinal studies examining development of speech production, intelligibility, expressive and receptive language, and social function in children with CP will be discussed. A key finding is that early speech production abilities and receptive language abilities are highly predictive of later outcomes. Implications for intervention will be discussed.

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10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Instilling Independence in Children with Developmental Disabilities

Melissa Villegas, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Medicine

Working toward developing independence is important for all children as they grow and move toward adulthood. In this presentation, we will discuss ways to promote independence in children with developmental disabilities with a focus on developmentally appropriate opportunities throughout childhood, various factors that play a role in independence, and available resources to provide assistance.

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Question and answer session with a panel of clinicians

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION—A panel of experts that includes individuals with CP and family members.

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