

## **About The South Australian Cerebral Palsy Register**

- The Register was established in 1998.
- The Register maintains records of children with cerebral palsy born in South Australia.
- It is funded by, and located at, the Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide.
- All information collected by the Register is strictly confidential.
- The Register has an advisory committee whose members include paediatricians and other specialists who are interested in cerebral palsy from the Women's and Children's Hospital, Flinders Medical Centre, and the North Western Adelaide Health Service.

## **Aims Of The Cerebral Palsy Register**

- To find out how many children in South Australia have cerebral palsy.
- To detect changes in the number of children with cerebral palsy.
- To carry out research into the causes of cerebral palsy.
- To document the full range of disabilities experienced by children with cerebral palsy.
- To help in the planning of services for children with cerebral palsy.
- To increase knowledge in the community about cerebral palsy.

## **What Is Cerebral Palsy?**

Cerebral palsy affects approximately one in 500 South Australian children. It is the name given to a group of disorders which affect movement, posture and muscle strength. The problem occurs in the developing brain either before, or shortly after, birth. There are many causes of Cerebral Palsy and its severity can vary greatly.

## **The Questions Parent Often Ask**

- Why us?
- Why does our child have cerebral palsy?
- Was there anything during pregnancy which might be associated with our child's cerebral palsy?
- What does the future hold for our child?
- What can be done to help our child?
- What are the chances of having another child with cerebral palsy?

- Before questions like these can be answered, research needs to be done to see if there is a common pattern in pregnancies; which result in babies born with cerebral palsy.

## **Can We Contact You?**

If you are willing to be contacted further about the Cerebral Palsy Register please complete the attached form and return it in the prepaid envelope provided.

You will then be contacted by the Coordinator of Cerebral Palsy Register who will be able to answer your questions and give you detailed information about the Register.

## **Contact Details**

The South Australian Cerebral Palsy Register

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North Adelaide SA 5006

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**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CEREBRAL PALSY REGISTER**

I do / do not (*circle your choice*) wish to be contacted further about the Cerebral Palsy Register  
(...*please fill in & return this form even if you are not interested so the Coordinator knows not to contact you in future*).

Name of Child:.....

Date of birth.....

Name of Parent/ Legal Guardian: .....

Address:.....

.....Post Code .....

E-mail address:.....

Telephone number: .....(*Mobile*)

.....(*Daytime*).....(*Evening*)

I would prefer to be contacted by: (*Circle your choice*)

    Telephone - *the most convenient time of day to be called is*: .....

    Letter

Name of your child's DOCTOR/S / HOSPITAL

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Signed:..... Date: .../.../...

***Please return this form to:***

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