

Infant Neurodevelopment Center at Kennedy Krieger Institute

Who We Are

The Infant Neurodevelopment Center at Kennedy Krieger Institute evaluates and treats infants with a wide variety of medical issues that could put them at risk for developmental delays. Our goal is to provide early identification and intervention to reduce your baby's risk of future challenges with language, hearing, sight, feeding, and behavioral, motor and intellectual development.

Who We Serve

We follow infants identified in utero, at birth or in a hospital neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) as having one or more conditions putting them at risk for having a developmental concern.

These include infants who have:

- Experienced a brain injury, such as a neonatal brain hemorrhage or stroke
- Experienced oxygen deprivation to the brain
- Prenatal conditions such as congenital diaphragmatic hernia
- Experienced neurologic complications in the NICU
- Genetic disorders identified by medical personnel
- Microcephaly (or who are at risk for having microcephaly)
- A low birth weight or were born prematurely

Our Treatment Approach

We know it can be stressful for parents with a baby in the NICU. Our center can guide you and your baby as you journey through the months after discharge in a number of ways:

- To help identify areas of developmental delay or concern, your baby will receive a comprehensive evaluation by our experienced specialists in neonatal development to ensure your child grows and develops properly. Infants are generally seen three to four times during their first year, twice in their second year and one to two times in their third year. Early identification and treatment of developmental delays



may prevent or reduce long-term problems associated with prematurity and serious newborn illnesses. Infants and toddlers are evaluated in terms of their:

- Gross motor skills
 - Visual motor skills
 - Cognition
 - Language skills
 - Socialization skills
 - Sensory impairments (vision and hearing)
- We will create a plan to help determine appropriate early intervention services and generate suitable referrals.
 - You will be given every opportunity to ask questions about your baby's development and behavior.
 - You will receive feedback with recommendations for intervention and treatment options.
 - Your plan can easily be shared with your baby's care provider, pediatrician and other community professionals, at your request.

We are all born with great potential.
Shouldn't we all have the chance to achieve it?

Our Team

The Infant Neurodevelopmental Center's interdisciplinary team includes healthcare professionals from a wide range of specialties. They work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for your baby. Team members include:

- Nurse practitioners trained in development
- Neonatologists
- Neurodevelopmental specialists
- Neurologists
- Neuropsychologists
- Physical therapists
- Nurses

The center can also provide access to additional support and services, as needed, from the following pediatric specialists:

- Nutritionists
- Specialists in feeding disorders
- Occupational therapists
- Speech-language pathologists
- Audiologists
- Orthopedists

Appointments average 60 minutes in length but can range from 30 minutes to two hours, depending on your child's needs. Be sure to bring all necessities for diapering and feeding. The appointment will be used solely to focus on you and your baby, so if your child has other siblings, please arrange care for them during your visit.

Contact Information

Infant Neurodevelopment Center at Kennedy Krieger Institute

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please email us at InfantNC@KennedyKrieger.org or call **443-923-9400** (or toll-free at **888-554-2080**). TTY users, please contact us at **443-923-2645**, or dial **711** to make a Maryland Relay call.

NICU.KennedyKrieger.org

Physicians and Healthcare Professionals

To make a referral, call our Physician Referral Line at **443-923-9403**.

Clinic Location

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