

# Hammersmith infant neurological examination (HINE) clinical utility

## Why do we need a standardised neurological examination?

## STANDARDISED

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- ✓ **To accurately identify children at risk of cerebral palsy early through the use of robust evidence-based standardised detection tools.**
- ✓ **To support the cerebral palsy diagnostic process in combination with other evidence-based tools.**
- ✓ **To help define the prognosis and provide information on the type and severity of neurological function.**
- ✓ **May assist in longitudinal follow up of high risk infants including effects of intervention.**

The Hammersmith Infant Neurological Examination (HINE) is recommended in the International Clinical Practice Guidelines. It can play a helpful role in early detection, diagnosis and prognosis of infants at risk of developing cerebral palsy.

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