



**CEREBRAL PALSY
SUPPORT NETWORK**
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What is CP?

Cerebral palsy is a general term referring to a group of disorders that affect the way a person moves. It is diagnosed soon after birth and is a permanent condition, although it does not get worse. Cerebral palsy occurs when a part of the developing brain is damaged, and it is not known how this is caused. It is not genetic nor a disease and there is no cure at this point in time.

The severity and symptoms of cerebral palsy vary with each person. A mild example may be simply a weakness in one hand, but another person may have no control over their movements at all. In addition to movement being affected, some people can also have impaired vision, hearing, speech and learning.

There are 3 main types of CP – **ataxia**, **dyskinesia** and **spasticity**, each of which results from damage to a different part of the brain.

