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Reminders

❖ **Deadline for uploading data: June 15th 2026.**

❖ If you plan to **propose a project and submit an abstract to PAS**, please send your proposal during the **summer**.

❖ Each Site should forward a **copy of the IRB/REB approval** and the **annual renewal** to the CNFUN National Coordinator.

CNFUN Annual Report 2025

The CNFUN Annual Report 2025 has been amended for presentations 25 to 27 to reflect the variables included in the adjustment of Standardized Risk Ratios. Adjustment for parental education and corrected age at assessment were not included due to missing data (with more than 10% missing values).

An amended version is available on our website:

<https://canadianneonatalfollowup.ca/annual-report/>

Election Results

- **We are pleased to welcome two new members to the Committee:**
 - **Dr. Jarred Garfinkle**, Quebec representative
 - **Mr. Arsalan Butt**, British Columbia representative
- **Four existing candidates were re-elected:**
 - **Dr. Karen Thomas**, Ontario representative
 - **Dr. Florencia Ricci**, Prairies representative
 - **Dr. Matt Hicks**, Alberta representative
 - **Ms. Marie-Noëlle Simard**, Allied Health Professional Representative
- **We warmly congratulate all elected candidates.**
- **New committee will start in September 2026**



CP Project Updates

Launching implementation of best practices for earlier diagnosis of CP:

❖ Three new sites have started implementation:

- ✓ **IWK Health Centre;**
- ✓ **Jewish General Hospital;**
- ✓ **Mount Sinai**



Congratulations to all the sites that have started implementation for their great collaboration!



❖ The third round of randomization:

Start in June 2026:

- ✓ **CHUL de Québec;**
- ✓ **London Health Sciences Centre;**
- ✓ **Alberta Children's Hospital (in Sept)**

Start in October 2026:

- ✓ **CHUS de Sherbrooke;**
- ✓ **St. Boniface General Hospital;**
- ✓ **University of Manitoba Health Sciences Centre**

HINE training curriculum for randomized sites:

- Basic HINE training live online workshops (twice a year)
- National community of practice to enhance inter-rater reliability (4 to 6 sessions per year)
 - ➔ Calibration session by therapists for therapists
- National community of practice for HINE interpretation and communication of findings (3-4 times per year)
 - ➔ For MD (case discussion, shared experience)

Dates to come in Fall 2026

CHILD-BRIGHT Parent Voices Project Updates

- The project is implementing two Family-Important-Outcome-Measures (FIOMs) at the 18-24 month visit, reflecting the 7 outcomes families ranked most important:
 - About My Baby / Toddler (AMB)
 - Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory Infant Scales (PedsQL)
- **Implementation completed with FIOMs:**
 - ✓ CHUSJ
 - ✓ BC Women's Hospital
 - ✓ McMaster
 - ✓ Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont
 - ✓ Jewish General Hospital
 - ✓ IWK Health Centre
 - ✓ RCC



Well done!

Parent Satisfaction Survey

If approved by your REB, don't forget to introduce the survey to families **at each visit.**



If others sites are interested in beginning implementation planning, they can reach out to :

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**We hope that other CNFUN sites
will implement these FIOMs in
the near future!**



Upcoming GMA Courses

➤ In Montreal: September 17-20, 2026

To register: <https://event.fourwaves.com/gma2026/pages>

PRECHTL GENERAL MOVEMENT ASSESSMENT (GMA)



September 17-20, 2026

CHU Sainte-Justine | Montréal, Québec

➤ In Vancouver: October 8-10, 2026

To register: [Basic Course](#) or [Advanced Course](#)

General Movements Assessment Training

8 - 10 OCT 2026, VANCOUVER
BC WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Learn the Prechtl's Method for Qualitative Assessment of General Movements to identify early signs of cerebral palsy in infants.

THE COURSES

Register for the Basic or Advanced General Movements training. Courses will run concurrently.

COST

\$1575 CAD (incl. GST)
(Includes: lunch, morning and afternoon coffee and snacks)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Physicians
- Registered Nurses
- Physiotherapists
- Other professionals in the field of Neonatology & Infant Neurology
- Occupational Therapists



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand the development of General Movements (GMs) in the preterm and post term period
- Understand the clinical importance of studying GMs
- Identify the main abnormal features of GMs
- Gain practical advice for GMs in neurological assessments

In the **advanced course**, participants will learn

- Motor Optimality Score Revised (MOS-R) and its use in clinical assessments & research

BC WOMEN'S HOSPITAL+
HEALTH CENTRE
Provincial Health Services Authority



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Registration now open!



8-10 Oct 2026
Vancouver, BC

Registration for GENERAL MOVEMENTS training now OPEN!

Training Leaders

Colleen Peyton, PT, DPT, MSCI, Assistant Professor
Theresa Moulton, PT, DPT, PhD, Associate Professor

From: Feinberg School of Medicine, Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences, Pediatrics, Northwestern University

Please follow the steps below to register:

- Please click [here](#) or scan the QR code to reserve a spot in the Basic Course
- Withing 1-2 business days, you'll receive a registration form by email



Please follow the steps below to register:

- Please click [here](#) or scan the QR code to reserve a spot in the Advanced Course
- Withing 1-2 business days, you'll receive a registration form by email



For further assistance, please [email](#) us.

Announcements

Dr. Karen Pape

NEUROPLASTICITY FELLOWSHIP

Applications Now Open

Details:

- **Two-year** fellowship program combining both clinical and research training in the field of neuroplasticity, specifically early brain repair.
- Individuals with an interest in developing their research skills and clinical expertise in early child development and neonatal neurodevelopmental follow-up should apply.
- This program is not an accredited program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Eligibility:

- Completed specialty training in paediatrics or paediatric neurology with additional subspecialty training in neonatology, neonatal neurology or developmental paediatrics
- Canadian and International trainees can apply

Start Date:

- Fellowship start date is July 2027.

SickKids[®]

Neonatology

Apply before June 30th 2026

To apply please scan the QR Code here
OR via link provided:

<https://surveys.sickkids.ca/surveys/?s=gd3Zn7zVCS>



Announcements

PRESENCE Study Recommendations by the Family Centered Care Taskforce



The FCC Taskforce <https://fctaskforce.org> is a multicentered, collaborative initiative dedicated to education, quality improvement and research in NICU Family-Centered Care with > 2100 members across 49/50 United States, Puerto Rico, 8/10 provinces, and 66 countries.

Using our recommendations as the foundation, they have recently launched the co-created (HCP and parent) **PRESENCE Study Toolkit**, a practical guide and resource for NICU leaders and parents, designed to help care teams and families promote 13 evidence-based recommendations that support parent presence in the NICU.

Please see below a video post from Fabiana Bacchini about the toolkit.

<https://youtube.com/shorts/0VSGHQgBqrg>

The toolkit can be found on the FCC website and is easily downloadable in full or per chapter:

<https://fctaskforce.org/parental-presence-toolkit/>



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