

Clinical Care Pathways for Children Diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy or at High Risk for Cerebral Palsy

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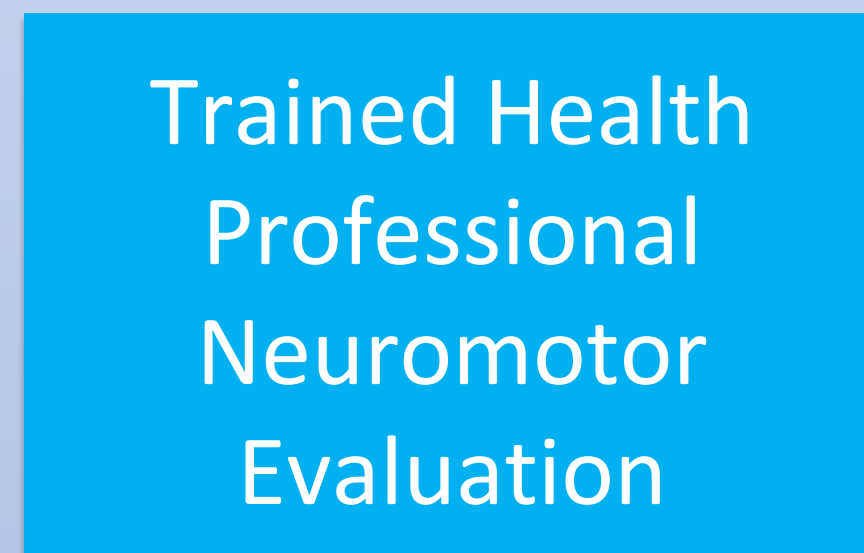
Clinical Care Pathway for Parent/Guardian

Clinical Care Pathway for Medical Providers

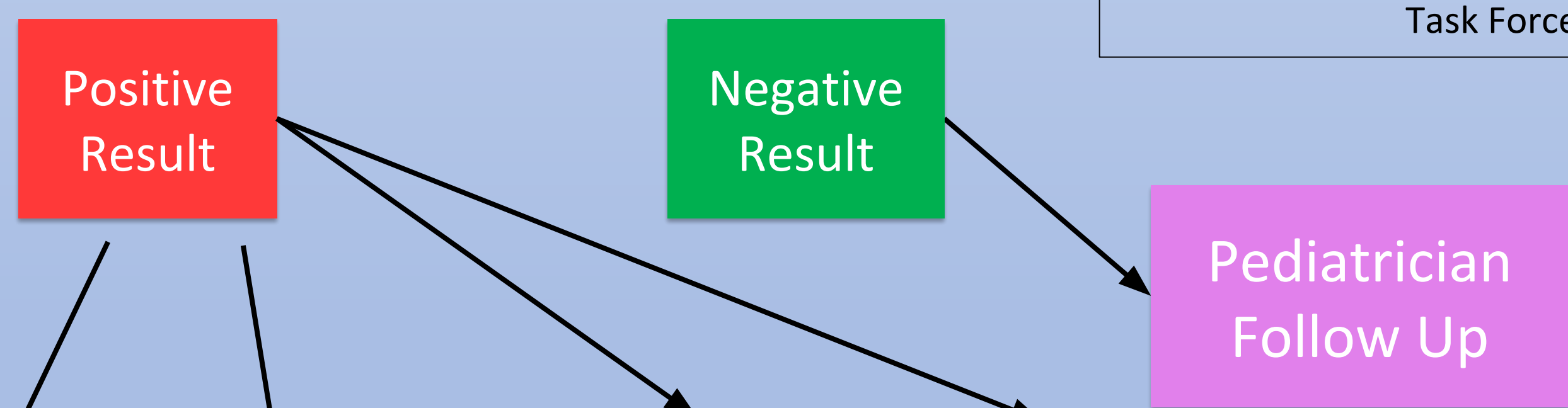
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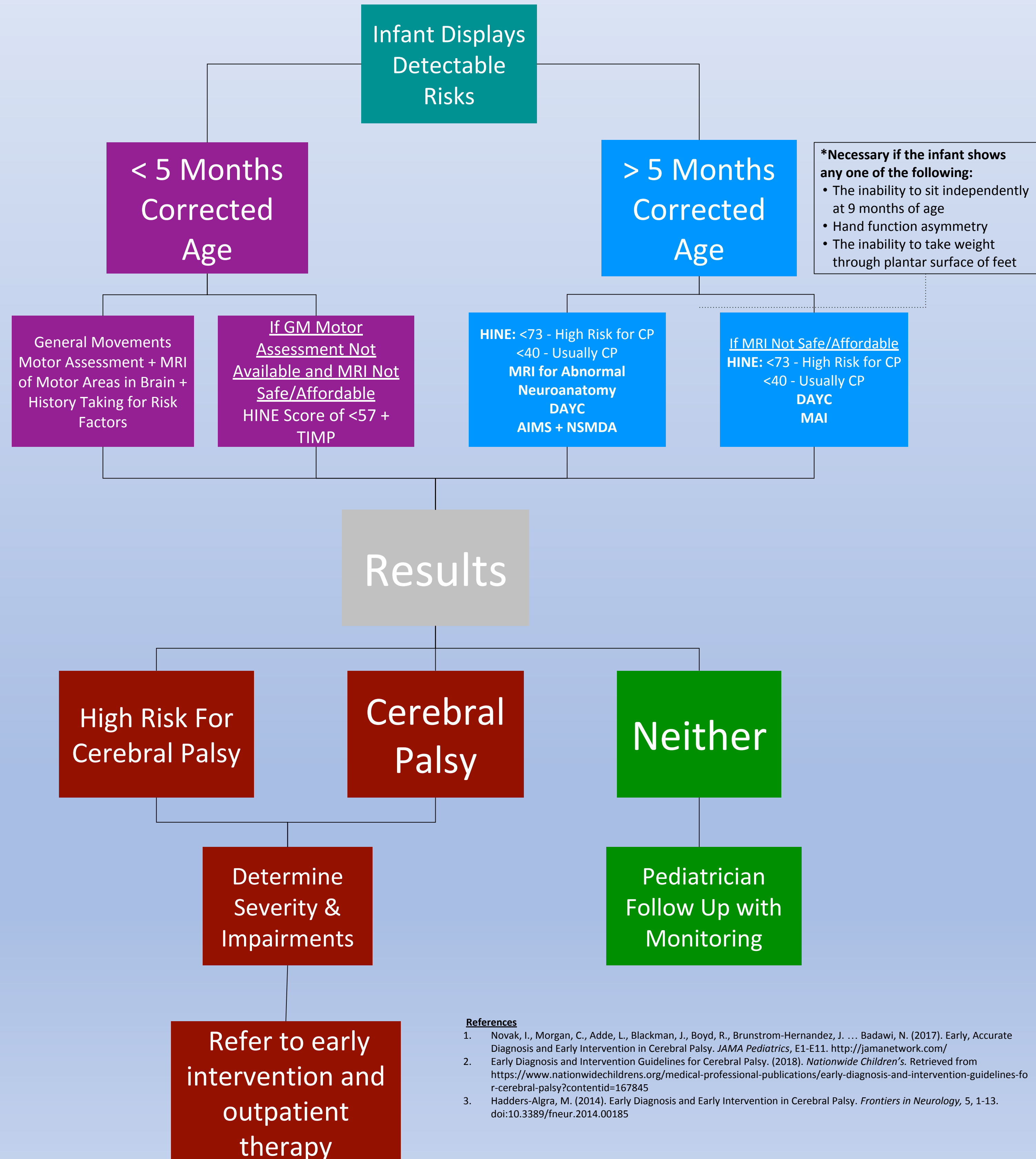


Referral



Evidence-based Interventions

Children born with Cerebral Palsy experience extra challenges in their lives with independence and mobility. The initiative to diagnose children in infancy either at high risk for cerebral palsy or confirmation of cerebral palsy means they are able to receive services earlier in the most critical time of brain development when synapses are being formed. Therefore, early diagnosis and appropriate early intervention is essential to the overall development of the child. Clinical care pathways provide directional guidance for parents and medical providers to know a step-by-step, evidenced based roadmap the child will need to follow to optimize function and quality of life. These pathways have been developed based on evidence based publications, referral patterns in New Mexico and around the nation, and work of the Early Cerebral Palsy Risk Detection and Intervention Task Force.



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