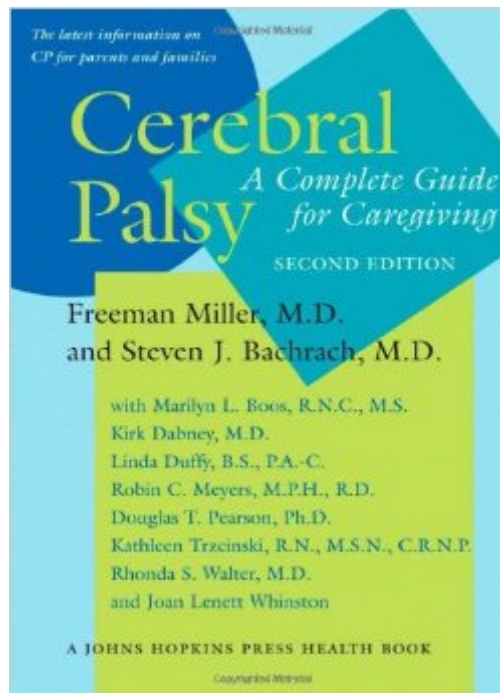


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# Cerebral Palsy: A Complete Guide For Caregiving (A Johns Hopkins Press Health Book)



## Synopsis

When a child has a health problem, parents want answers. But when a child has cerebral palsy, the answers don't come quickly. A diagnosis of this complex group of chronic conditions affecting movement and coordination is difficult to make and is typically delayed until the child is eighteen months old. Although the condition may be mild or severe, even general predictions about long-term prognosis seldom come before the child's second birthday. Written by a team of experts associated with the Cerebral Palsy Program at the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, this authoritative resource provides parents and families with vital information that can help them cope with uncertainty. Thoroughly updated and revised to incorporate the latest medical advances, the second edition is a comprehensive guide to cerebral palsy. The book is organized into three parts. In the first, the authors describe specific patterns of involvement (hemiplegia, diplegia, quadriplegia), explain the medical and psychosocial implications of these conditions, and tell parents how to be effective advocates for their child. In the second part, the authors provide a wealth of practical advice about caregiving from nutrition to mobility. Part three features an extensive alphabetically arranged encyclopedia that defines and describes medical terms and diagnoses, medical and surgical procedures, and orthopedic and other assistive devices. Also included are lists of resources and recommended reading.

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This review gives a brief overview on caring for a child with diplegia from birth to 18 years of age. Overall I think this is a great book. The question and answer style makes it very easy for anyone to understand. It goes into a lot of detail about cerebral palsy and how to care for a child with it. Parts of the book:

**Part I Cerebral Palsy Handbook** This section gives an overview of the basics of cerebral palsy including the definition of it. It also talks about the medical problems associated with cerebral palsy and the development problems a child with cerebral palsy may have growing up. It then goes into detail about hemiplegia, diplegia, and quadriplegia and the differences between them. It also says how to care for a child with each of these diseases at the different stages of his/her life. The book then goes into detail about the different aspects of your child's life, including healthcare, education, and legal and how the parent should approach each one.

**Part II Caregiving Techniques** This section focuses on caregiving and specific techniques. It includes seating, wheelchair use, braces, casts, shoes, feeding, taking medicine, and many other techniques that may come up while caring for a child with cerebral palsy.

**Style and Structure** The book is set up as a question and answer style. It breaks up basic caregiving by the child's age: birth to one year, one to three, four to six, seven to twelve, and thirteen to eighteen. Each age group answers different questions that usually come up during a child's development at that age period.

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