



Sensory Connections

Occupational Therapy Services

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General indicators that an INFANT may benefit from an occupational therapy evaluation, check all that apply:

- Easily startled (birth to 3 months).
- Poor muscle tone: floppy or stiff.
- Difficult to console, unusually fussy, suffers from colic.
- Had invasive medical procedures at birth or in early months (e.g. feeding tube, oxygen tube, surgeries)
- Slow to roll over, creep, sit or stand. Lack of rotation in movement.
- Limited or no babbling.
- Difficulty maintaining eye contact.
- Frequent fisting of hands after six months.
- Limited exploration of environment.
- Dislikes baths, lotion, getting dressed and undressed, diaper changes.
- Becomes tense when held, dislikes being cuddled.
- Difficulty with nursing, frequent choking on milk/formula. Takes an extended period to finish bottle/nurse or fatigues after a short period, needing frequent feedings.
- Sleep difficulties.
- Difficulty tolerating new food textures (from 6 months).
- Sensitive to bright light, noises, smells, and/or visual stimuli (cries, turns away, falls asleep)
- Needs to be held for extensive periods of time or becomes very upset.
- Plays alone for long periods of time without seeking out caregiver, not needing much external stimuli to keep them content.
- Avoids lying on stomach, gets upset when placed on stomach.
- Has difficulty conforming body when being held.