

# Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Infant Test of Neuromuscular Disorders (CHOP INTEND)

# **Manual of Procedures and Score Sheets**

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The CHOP INTEND is a validated instrument to assess the motor ability of non-ambulant children.

Please refer to the Manual of Procedures for full instructions on how to administer the CHOP INTEND. Completed Score Sheets should be stored with the patient's medical notes.



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# **CHOP INTEND** Manual of Procedures

#### **TESTING ENVIRONMENT**

- Ideally test first thing in the AM or same time of day, about 1 hour after feeding, when sated and alert but not fussy.
- Test on a firm padded mat (ie. fabric or paper sheet).
- Clothing: in a diaper only, unless the infant is cold where you can use a sleeveless "onesie" garment.
- Test with rattle or purple hippo to encourage participation.
- May use pacifier only if needed to maintain state 4 or 5 (see definition, below).
- Allow parent to be present and give rest period especially to calm the infant if upset. Aim to complete the entire test without a pause.

#### **BEHAVIOURAL STATE**

Include a rating of Brazelton Behavioural State for each test item. The optimal state for testing is state 4 and 5. If a subject cannot be tested for an item due to an adverse Behavioural State, score as "CNT" (cannot test) and <u>not</u> a zero. Directly quoted descriptions for each state from the Brazelton text (T. Berry Brazelton, Neonatal Behavioural Assessment Scale, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Clinics in Developmental Medicine No 88, Spastics International Medical Publications, London 1984):

#### State 1 = deep sleep

#### State 2 = light sleep

#### State 3 = "drowsy or semi-dozing"

- Eyes may be open but dull and heavy–lidded or closed, eyelids fluttering. Dazed look when infant not processing information and is not "available".
- <u>Activity level variable</u>, with interspersed, mild startles from time to time reactive to sensory stimuli, but response often delayed. State change after stimulation frequently noted. Movements are usually smooth.

#### State 4 = "alert, with bright look"

- Seems to focus invested attention on source of stimulation, such as an object to be sucked or a visual or auditory stimulus impinging stimuli may break through, but with some delay in response.
- Motor activity is at a minimum
- · There is a kind of glazed look, which can be easily broken through in this state.

#### State 5 = eyes open

- <u>Considerable motor activity</u>, with thrusting movements of the extremities, and even a few spontaneous startles
- Reactive to external stimulation with increase in startles or motor activity, but discrete reactions difficult to distinguish because of general activity level.
- Brief fussy vocalizations occur in this state.

#### State 6 = crying

- Characterized by intense crying which is difficult to break through with stimulation.
- · Motor activity is high.

#### **TESTING AND SCORING**

- All items can be scored either with spontaneous movement or active movement depending on the cognitive level and age of the subject.
- Up to 3 good attempts should be made to elicit the maximum performance with either verbal encouragement or use of toys. A good attempt means adequate positioning, subject engagement and environment.
- Perform each test item in the order listed unless otherwise noted.
- · Make a note in the margin of any comments about performing or scoring an item
- · If in doubt in scoring between two responses, "score down".

## **ITEM 1: Spontaneous movement (upper extremity)**

**Start Position:** <u>This item can be observed throughout the test</u> and can be observed in any position. An initial period of observation in supine should be completed with the child in an alert awake state.

**Stimulus:** The examiner may support the arm or leg and observe the hand or foot without the friction of the surface. The examiner may stroke the hand or foot to elicit a response if none is observed.

SCORING CRITERIA	
Score 4	Antigravity shoulder movement (elbows off surface in supine)
Score 3	For active antigravity movement (hand and forearm off surface in supine)
Score 2	For active wrist movement
Score 1	For isolated finger movement
Score 0	For no movement of limbs

# ITEM 2: Spontaneous movement (lower extremity)

**Start Position:** <u>This item can be observed throughout the test</u> and can be observed in any position. An initial period of observation in supine should be completed with the child in an alert awake state.

**Stimulus:** The examiner may support the arm or leg and observe the hand or foot without the friction of the surface. The examiner may stroke the hand or foot to elicit a response if none is observed.

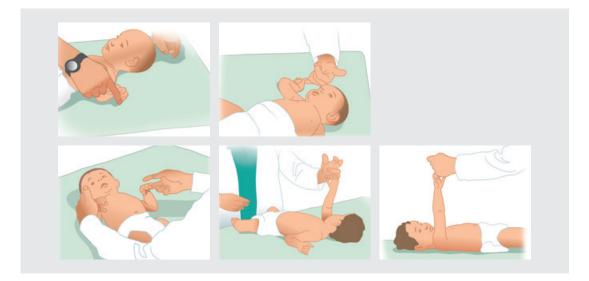
SCORING CRITERIA	
Score 4	Antigravity hip movement (feet and knees off surface in supine)
Score 3	Active antigravity hip adduction/internal rotation (knees off surface in supine; do not give credit if maintained only due to range of motion loss)
Score 2	Active gravity eliminated knee/hip movement (extension and flexion in abduction and external rotation)
Score 1	Isolated ankle movement
Score 0	No movement of limbs

# **ITEM 3: Hand Grip**

**Start Position:** Supine with arm and forearm on the surface of testing mat and in pronation with the wrist extended.

**Stimulus:** Place your "pinkie" (or a toy of the same diameter for infants without a grasp reflex) in the infant's hand until a grip response is secure, then slowly lift the arm and hand, creating traction on the arm at 90° to the support surface, then continue to draw shoulder off the mat. Record score when the child loosens grip. May repeat 3 times to make sure the child's best effort is obtained. Repeat for the other arm. Provide verbal encouragement for older infants.

SCORING CRITERIA	
Score 4	Maintains handgrip with shoulder off bed
Score 3	Maintains grip with elbow just off bed but shoulder on surface
Score 2	Maintains grip with forearm off surface but elbow still supported
Score 1	Maintains grip only with no traction
Score 0	Or rattle or pen slips out

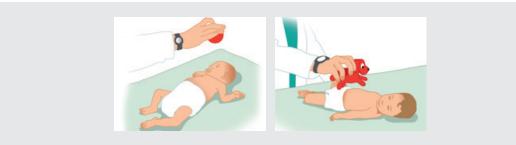


## **ITEM 4: Head in midline**

Start Position: Supine head midline.

**Stimulus:** Visual stimulation with a bright object at midline. If the infant maintains midline for 5 seconds then turn the infant's head 90 degrees to the right and provide visual stimulation to encourage return to midline, then repeat to the left. Note: If the infant's head cannot be turned passively at least 60 degrees off midline, due to a neck contracture, then this side cannot be tested and should be indicated as "CNT" (Can Not Test) on the source and scanning sheet.

SCORING CRITERIA	
Score 4	Rotates from 90° back fully to midline
Score 3	Actively turns head part way from 90° towards midline
Score 2	Maintains head within 15° of midline for 5 or more sec.
Score 1	Maintains within 15° of midline for less than 5 sec.
Score 0	Head falls to side and no attempt to regain midline is noted



# **ITEM 5: Hip adductors**

**Start Position:** Supine, with hips at 45°, knees at 90°, feet hip width apart, remove diaper. Can remove sheet or paper beneath feet to allow a non-slip surface.

**Stimulus:** Position legs in neutral with thighs parallel and release; observe response of legs. A downward stimulus may be included to elicit movement. Avoid squeezing knees together.

# SCORING CRITERIAScore 4Maintains knee off surface of bed more than 5 sec. or lifts feet off surfaceScore 2Keeps knee off surface of bed 1 to 5 secondsScore 0No attempt to maintain knees off surface

Score both sides and select the maximum score for the best score.

Note: may score item based on regaining adducted position and maintaining for prescribed time after a fall to the surface or maintaining adduction.

# **ITEM 6: Rolling: elicited from the legs**

Start Position: Supine arms at sides.

**Stimulus:** rolling. Pause with hips at 90° to surface to allow infant to attempt to de-rotate body against the fixed distal leg, continue to maintain tension on the leg as the infant de-rotates the upper body against it.

If the infant rolls to side continue to apply traction at diagonal to body to maintain tension on the leg. Do not passively pull the child across to prone but observe the active de-rotation of the trunk against the stabilized lower extremity with the hips vertical and then the head control and ability to clear the weight bearing shoulder as the child rolls to prone and frees the arm and brings the head across the arm.

SCORING CRITERIA	
Score 4	When traction is applied at the end of the maneuver, rolls to prone with lateral head righting
Score 3	Rolls through side-lying to prone without lateral head righting (clears weight bearing arm completely to finish roll)
Score 2	Pelvis, trunk and arm lift from support surface, head turns and rolls to side (arm comes through to front of body)
Score 1	Pelvis and trunk lift from support surface and head turns to side. Arm remains behind trunk
Score 0	Pelvis lifted passively off support surface with no active participation



# **ITEM 7: Rolling: elicited from the arms**

Start Position: Supine arms at side.

**Stimulus:** Hold infant at the elbow and move across midline toward opposite shoulder to elicit rolling; pause with shoulders 90° to surface and maintain traction on limb and allow infant to de-rotate. Pause with shoulders vertical and wait for trunk to de-rotate and lower extremity and hips to come to side-lying, do not passively pull the infant to prone. Continue to apply traction to arm and observe head control and ability to free arm and complete roll to prone.

SCORING CRITERIA	
Score 4	Rolls onto side with lateral head righting (infant lifts head laterally off the support surface to complete the roll to prone)
Score 3	Rolls into prone without lateral head righting (clears weight bearing arm completely to finish roll)
Score 2	Rolls onto side (leg comes through and adducts bringing the pelvis vertical)
Score 1	Head turns to side and shoulder and trunk lift from surface
Score 0	Head turns to side; body remains limp or shoulder lifts passively without active participation



# ITEM 8: Shoulder flexion and elbow flexion and horizontal abduction

**Start Position:** Side-lying with upper arm supported on body in 30° of elbow flexion and shoulder extension. The dependent arm should be restrained along the trunk.

**Stimulus:** Prompt reaching for a toy presented at arm's length at shoulder level (hold the lower arm to prevent the child from reaching with that arm). You may touch the infant's hand with the toy to encourage reaching. Any spontaneous upper extremity movements should be scored; intent is not required.

SCORING CRITERIA	
Score 4	Clears hand from the surface while reaching (the infant demonstrates any antigravity horizontal abduction)
Score 3	Able to flex shoulder to 45 degrees (the infant demonstrates gravity eliminated shoulder flexion)
Score 2	Flexes elbow after arm comes off body
Score 1	Able to get arm off body
Score 0	No attempt (the arm remains on the infant's trunk)
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Intent is not necessary and spontaneous movement may be scored. Score both sides and select the maximum score for the best score.



## **ITEM 9: Shoulder flexion & elbow flexion**

**Start Position:** Sitting (slightly reclined about 20°) on parents or other study team member's lap straddled over examiner's leg, with support for trunk and posterior head, child's arm dangling at side and not obstructed by the person holding the child.

**Stimulus:** Present toy at midline and at shoulder level (may touch the infant's hand with toy to stimulate movement).

SCORING CRITERIA	
Score 4	Abducts or flexes shoulder to 60 degrees
Score 3	Abducts or flexes shoulder to 30 degrees
Score 2	Any shoulder flexion or abduction
Score 1	Flexes the elbow only
Score 0	No attempt to lift arm

Intent is not necessary and spontaneous movement may be scored. Score both sides and select the maximum score for the best score.



## **ITEM 10: Knee extension**

**Start Position:** Sitting on parent's or other study team member's lap in straddle position on one leg, with approximately 20 degree recline of the subject's torso. The subject's lower leg should be positioned vertically and free from contact with any surface or person.

**Stimulus:** Tickle plantar surface of the foot or gently pinch the toe.

Score 4	If the infant extends the knee greater than 45 degrees. Make sure this is not due to passive swinging of the leg from examiner's repositioning.
Score 2	If the infant extends knee 15 to 45 degrees
Score 1	If any visible knee extension is noted
Score 0	If no visible knee extension is noted



## **ITEM 11:** Hip flexion and foot dorsiflexion

**Start Position:** To attain this test position the examiner may start with the subject in supine, hold the infant with your non dominant hand under the chin and roll the infant to prone over your hand then place your dominant hand across the infant's abdomen; lean forward and lift the child against your chest. Support the infant's back against the parent or caregiver's or other study team member's chest and with the support provided by the examiner across the subject's abdomen with their dominant arm, with the legs dangling unsupported. Tickle, or have the parent tickle, the child's foot and observe the child's response.

Stimulus: Stroke plantar surface of foot or pinch the toe.

SCORING CRITERIA	



# **ITEM 12: Head control**

**Start Position:** Sitting facing the examiner in ring sit, with the examiner supporting with both hands at the shoulders on the anterior and posterior surface. Position the infant's trunk in an erect position with shoulders and trunk neutral. Try to get the infant positioned with the head erect. This may take some repositioning as many infants only have tenuous head control and have a very limited cone of stability.

**Stimulus:** If the infant cannot be positioned with head erect allow the head to fall forward and support the chin with your thumbs at end range to keep the chin off the chest.

SCORING CRITERIA	
Score 4	Attains upright head position at least once from flexion and moves the head freely with control
Score 3	Maintains head upright for greater than 15 sec.
Score 2	Maintains head in midline for $>5$ sec. with the head tipped in up to 30° of forward flexion or extension
Score 1	Actively lifts or rotates the head twice within 15 seconds (this may not be scored only on head movement with breathing effort)
Score 0	No response, head hangs

Evaluation of scores of 1 and 4 can be delayed till the end of the test to maintain calm.

#### ITEM 13: Elbow flexion, score with item 14

#### Start Position: Supine.

**Stimulus: Traction response:** initiate "pull to sit" with arms extended at 45° angle until shoulders are lifted off the surface, to point of nearly lifting head off the surface.

Score 4Active elbow flexionScore 2Visible biceps contraction without elbow flexion	SCORING CRITERIA	
Score 2 Visible biceps contraction without elbow flexion	Score 4	Active elbow flexion
	Score 2	Visible biceps contraction without elbow flexion
Score 0 No visible biceps contraction	Score 0	No visible biceps contraction

# ITEM 14: Neck flexion, score with item 13

Start Position: Supine.

**Stimulus: Traction response:** Initiate "pull to sit" with arms extended at 45° angle to trunk until shoulders are lifted off the surface, to point of nearly lifting head off the surface.

SCORING	CRITERIA					
Score 4	Lifts head off bed					
Score 2	Visible muscle contraction of SCM					
Score 0	No visible contraction					

#### ITEM 15: Head/Neck extension (Landau)

**Start Position:** Ventral suspension: prone, held in one hand over upper abdomen/lower rib cage. For larger infants, if necessary, the head and knees are allowed to rest on the mat.

Stimulus: Stroke the paraspinal muscles bilaterally along spine from neck to sacrum.

#### **SCORING CRITERIA**

The coronal axis of the head when parallel to the bed surface = 0 degrees (horizontal)

- **Score 4** If the head is extended to or above the horizontal plane
- **Score 2** If the head is extended partially, but not to the horizontal plane
- Score 0 If no active head extension is noted



#### **ITEM 16:** Spinal incurvation (Galant)

**Start Position:** Prone over examiner's hand supported at the upper abdomen or lower thorax. For larger infants, if necessary, the head and knees are allowed to rest on the mat.

**Stimulus:** Stroke right then left thoracolumbar paraspinal muscles with thumbnail, from sacrum to mid-thoracic level (Galant's reflex). For older children tilt them to facilitate righting reaction, tickle them at the side or foot or ask them to wiggle their buttock.

SCORING CRITERIA				
Score 4	Twists pelvis toward stimulus off axis			
Score 2	Visible paraspinal muscle contraction			
Score 0	No response			
Search both sides and select the maximum search for the best search				



# Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Infant Test of Neuromuscular Disorders (CHOP INTEND) Score sheets



Name:			Diagnosis:			
MR:		Gestational age:				
DOE:	Time of evaluation:	Time since last feeding:				
DOB:	Current health: URI 🔲	Gtube 🔲	BIPAP 🗋	HRS/Day	HRS off BIPAP at testing	

Item	Position	Test Procedure	Graded Response		Score		
<b>1</b> Spontaneous movement (Upper extremity)	Supine	Observe throughout testing	Antigravity shoulder movement (achieves elbow off surface)	4	L	Best side:	
		May unweight limb or stimulate infant to facilitate response	Antigravity elbow movement (achieves hand and forearm off surface)	3			
			Wrist movement	2	R	State:	
			Finger movement	1	ĸ		
			No movement of limbs	0			
<b>2</b> Spontaneous	Supine	e Observe throughout testing May unweight limb or stimulate infant to facilitate response	Antigravity hip movement (achieves feet and knees off surface)	4	L	Best side:	
movement (Lower			Antigravity hip adduction/internal rotation (knees off surface)	3		State:	
extremity)			Active gravity eliminated knee movement	2	R		
			Ankle movement	1	ĸ		
			No movement of limbs	0			
3	Supine	Grip strength: place finger in	Maintains hand grip with shoulder off bed	4	R	Best side:	
Hand grip		palm and lift until shoulder comes off surface observe when infant loosens grasp	Maintains grip with elbow off surface (shoulders on surface)	3			
		May use toy of similar diameter	Maintains grip with forearm off surface (elbow supported on surface)	2		State:	
		for older children	Maintains grip only with no traction	1			
			No attempt to maintain grasp	0			
4	Supine, head midline		Rotates from maximum rotation to midline	4	L>R 	Best side: State:	
Head in midline			Turns head part way back to midline	3			
with visual			Maintains midline for 5 or more seconds	2			
stimulation*			Maintains midline for less than 5 seconds	1			
			Head falls to side, no attempts to regain midline	0			
5 Hip adductors	Supine, no diaper		Keeps knee off surface of bed > 5 sec or lifts foot off surface	4	L	Best side:	
			Keeps knees off surface of bed 1-5 sec	2		State:	
			No attempt to maintain knees off surface	0	R		
6 Rolling: elicited from legs*	Supine (arms at side) keep side tested up roll away from the side tested	(arms at ff side) aa keep side v tested up roll away 2	<ol> <li>Holding infant's lower thigh, flex hip and knee and adduct across midline bringing pelvis</li> </ol>	When traction is applied at the end of the manoeuvre, rolls to prone with lateral head righting	4	To R	Best side:
			vertical maintain traction and pause in this position <b>2.</b> If infant rolls to side apply traction at a 45° diagonal to	Rolls through side lying into prone without lateral head righting, clears weight-bearing arm to complete roll	3		
			Pelvis, trunk and arm lift from support surface, head turns and rolls onto side, arm comes through to front of body	2	To L	State:	
			Pelvis and trunk lift from support surface and head turns to side. Arm remains behind trunk	1			
			Pelvis lifted passively off support surface	0			
7	Supine (arms at side) keep side tested up roll away from the side	arms at side)move toward opposite shoulder maintain traction on limb and pause with the shoulders vertical allow infant to derotateested up oll awayallow infant to derotate continue to provide traction	Rolls to prone with lateral head righting	4	To R	Best side:	
Rolling: elicited from arms*			Rolls into prone without lateral head righting; must clear weight-bearing arm completely to finish roll	3			
			Rolls onto side, leg comes through and adducts, bringing the pelvis vertical	2		State:	
	tested		Head turns to side and shoulder and trunk lift from surface	1	To L		
			Head turns to side; body remains limp or shoulder lifts passively	0			

Item	Position	Position Test Procedure Graded Response			Score		
8 Shoulder and	Side-lying with upper arm at 30° of	Prompt reach for a toy presented at arm's length at shoulder level (may provide stimulation and observe spontaneous movement)	Clears hand from surface with antigravity arm movement			Best side:	
elbow flexion and horizontal abduction	shoulder extension and elbow flexion and		Able to flex shoulder to 45 degrees, without antigravity arm movement	3	3 L		
	supported on body (restrain lower arm if		Flexes elbow after arm comes off body	2	1	State:	
	needed)		Able to get arm off body	1	R		
			No attempt	0	-		
9	Sitting in lap or on	Present stimulus at midline and	Abducts or flexes shoulder to 60 degrees	4		Best	
Shoulder	mat with head and	at shoulder level at arm's length (may provide stimulation and observe spontaneous movement)	Abducts or flexes shoulder to 30 degrees	3	L	side:	
flexion &	trunk support (20° recline)		Any shoulder flexion or abduction	2	-		
elbow flexion			Flexes elbow only	1		State:	
			No attempt to lift arm	0	R		
10	Sitting in lap or	Tickle plantar surface of foot or gently pinch toe	Extends knee to > 45 degrees	4		Best	
Knee extension	over edge of mat with head and trunk		Extends knee 15 to 45 degrees	2	L	side:	
	support (20° recline) thigh horizontal to		Any visible knee extension	1		State:	
	ground		No visible knee extension	0	R		
<b>11</b> Hip flexion	Hold infant against your body with legs free, facing outward. Support at the abdomen with the child's head resting between your arm and thorax	your body with legs	Stroke the foot or pinch the toe	Hip flexion or knee flexion > 30°	4		Best side:
and foot dorsiflexion			Any hip flexion or knee flexion	3	L		
			Ankle dorsiflexion only	2		State	
			No active hip, knee or ankle motion	0	R		
<b>12</b> Head control*	Sitting with support at the shoulders and trunk erect	Place the infant in ring sit with head erect and assistance given at the shoulders (front and back) (may delay scoring a grade of 1 and 4 until end of test)	Attains head upright from flexion and turns head side to side	4		Score	
			Maintains head upright for >15 sec (for bobbing head control score a 2)	3			
			Maintains head in midline for >5 sec. with the head tipped in up to 30° of forward flexion or extension	2		State	
			Actively lifts or rotates head twice from flexion within 15 seconds (do not credit if movement is in time with breathing)	1			
			No response, head hangs	0			
13	Supine	Supine		Flexes elbow	4	L	Best
Elbow flexion Score with item 14		extend arms at 45 degree angle, to point of nearly lifting head off surface	Visible biceps contraction without elbow flexion	2	R	side: State	
item 14			No visible contraction	0			
14	Supine	Supine Traction response: hold in neutral proximal to wrist and shoulder at 45°, to point of nearly lifting head off surface	Lifts head off bed	4		Score	
Neck Flexion			Visible muscle contraction of SCM	2		State:	
Score with item 13			No muscle contraction	0			
15	Ventral suspension: Prone, held in one hand upper abdomen	Stoke along spine from neck to sacrum. The coronal axis of the head when parallel to the bed surface = 0 degrees (horizontal)	Extends head to horizontal plane or above	4		Score	
Head/Neck			Extends head partially, but not to horizontal	2	1		
Extension (Landau)			No head extension	0		State	
<b>16</b> Spinal	Ventral suspension: Prone, held in one hand upper abdomen	he, held in one thoracolumbar paraspinals or	Twists pelvis towards stimulus off axis	4	L	Best side:	
Incurvation (Galant)			Visible paraspinal muscle contraction	2		State:	
		For infant over 10 kg knees and head may touch	No response	0	R		

#### Total score, best score on each side for each item (maximum 64 points):

\*Adapted from the Test of Infant Motor Performance, Campbell, SK; et al. 2001.

#### **Contractures:**

- Contractures: L R K Knee flexion R Ankle plantar flexion (Present < 20 degrees knee extended) L R Ankle plantar flexion (Present < 20 degrees knee extended) L R A Hip adductor L R ITB contracture (Note if leg cannot abduct and ext. rot. to contact surface in supine) L R Shoulder protraction L R B Shoulder protraction L R Neck rotation L R Neck lateral flexion Plagiocephaly Fixed spinal curve

Behavioural State (Brazelton, TB.Neonatal Behavioral Assessment Scale, 2nd ed., 1984): State 2 State 4 Light sleep

- State 1 Deep sleep State 3 Drowsy or semi-dozing State 5 Eyes open, considerable activity

Alert, with bright look State 6 Crying

#### Testing environment:

Ideally test first thing in the AM or same time of day about 1 hour after feeding Test on a firm padded mat

Diaper /onesie only unless the infant is cold

Test with red wool ball on ring to encourage participation May use pacifier only if needed to maintain state 4 or 5 (see definition). Mark as CNT (could not test) if patient could not be tested DO NOT MARK 0

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