

Hammersmith Infant Neurological Examination (HINE)

How long does the HINE take?

The examination takes 10–15 minutes to perform.

Do I need certified training to use the HINE in clinical practice?

No you do not need certified training to use the HINE in clinical practice.

HINE is predictive of cerebral palsy

HINE scores at 3 months:

- <57 is 96% predictive of cerebral palsy
- <40 never occurs in children with normal outcomes^{1,4}

HINE scores at (6, 9, 12 months):

- 90% predictive of cerebral palsy
- <73 predictive of cerebral palsy
- <40 almost always indicates cerebral palsy^{3,4}

HINE is predictive of severity and topography of cerebral palsy

- Motor severity of cerebral palsy under years of age is most accurately predicted using the HINE

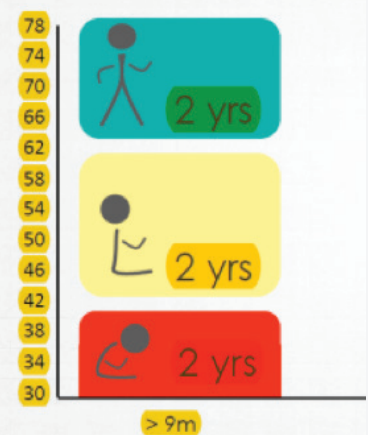
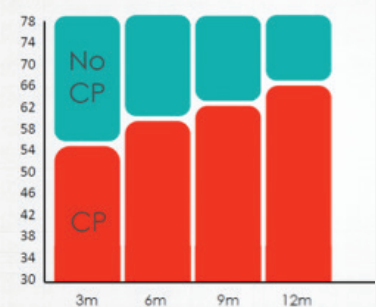
HINE scores at 3, 6, 9 or 12 months:

- 50-73 indicates likely unilateral cerebral palsy (i.e. 95-99% will walk)
- <50 indicates likely bilateral cerebral palsy

HINE scores at 3-6 months:

- 40-60 indicates likely GMFCS I-II
- <40 indicates likely GMFCS III-V

STANDARDISED NEURO EXAM



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