Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Cerebral Palsy

Learn about the latest advances in cerebral palsy research and clinical services and hear from a panel of experts—individuals with cerebral palsy and family members.

Saturday, November 14, 2015 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
(Complimentary coffee & bagels at 8:30 a.m.)

9:00-9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introduction to the Waisman Center
Teresa Palumbo, Waisman Communications

9:15-9:45 a.m. Common Orthopedic Treatments for Children with Cerebral Palsy
Matthew Halanski, MD, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon, Associate Professor, Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation
What are the most common orthopedic procedures performed on children with cerebral palsy? This presentation will give an overview of common procedures; discuss their risks, benefits and associated recovery; and review the goals of these treatments as they relate to the child’s baseline functional level to better inform families of the expected outcomes of these interventions.

9:45-10:15 a.m. Cerebral Palsy in Society and Policy
Walton Schalick III, MD, PhD, Medical Director, Central Wisconsin Center, Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, Institute for Research on Poverty, Center for Financial Security, Medieval Studies, Visual Culture Studies and Disability Studies
Typically, when living with cerebral palsy (CP), we think about dealing with the health-related aspects of the condition. This approach pre-supposes that CP is fundamentally determined by medical factors. In this conversation, I will propose that there is more than one way to think of disabilities in general and CP in particular. We will explore two models, the social and the medical models, as ways of thinking about CP. We will then consider CP as a social feature across many centuries, looking at how various societies have responded to disabilities and CP, leading up to modern perspectives.

10:30-11:00 a.m. Why Do I Need to See a Neurosurgeon?
Taryn Bragg, MD, Neurosurgeon, Clinic Director, Waisman Spasticity and Movement Disorders Clinic
Cerebral palsy (CP) is the result of a neurological injury early in life. The cognitive and physiological outcome depends on the severity of that injury, but that is just the beginning. CP is not simply a movement disorder but affects how the entire body functions. Many factors change over time—just as the body changes over time—and a child’s care plan should always be multi-disciplinary. The purpose of my talk is to familiarize patients and families with common neurosurgical conditions associated with CP and potential surgical and non-surgical treatment options. It is critical to treat hydrocephalus, spasticity and dystonia, as these conditions left untreated will have lasting consequences. As a neurosurgeon, my role is to ensure that there are no underlying or ongoing neurological problems that can be corrected or improved with surgery.

11:00-11:30 a.m. Question and answer session with a panel of clinicians.

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION—A panel of experts that includes individuals with CP and family members.

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