The Canadian Neonatal Follow-Up Network: Neurodevelopmental Outcomes at 18 Months Corrected Age

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Learning objectives

- Learn about the Canadian Neonatal Follow-Up Network
- Know the neurosensory outcomes at 18 months corrected age of children born very preterm in Canada
- Appreciate the risk factors for adverse outcome
- Understand the implications of different definitions of severe neurodevelopmental impairment

Canadian Neonatal Follow-Up Network



A network of health care professionals dedicated to improving the care of newborns and children at high risk of adverse outcome as a result of conditions requiring intensive medical care.

www.cnfun.ca

- CNFUN is a voluntary collaboration between Neonatal and Perinatal Follow-Up Programs in Canada
- Developed in liaison with the Canadian Neonatal Network in 2005
- Facilitates
 - Collaboration in research
 - Integrated data collection
 - Knowledge translation
 - Improvement of the quality of care and long-term outcomes of children seen in their programs.
- CNFUN Director: Dr. Anne Synnes

Background

- Despite improvement in survival of very preterm babies, about 50% of very preterm babies continue to experience one or more neurodevelopmental challenges.
- In the USA (NICHD), there are significant site variations in neurodevelopmental outcomes.

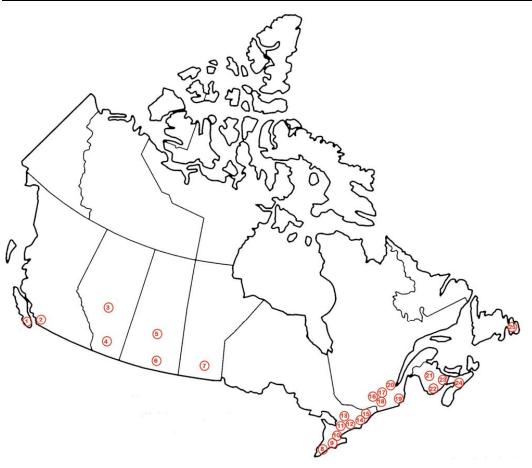
Research Questions

- What is the incidence of adverse neurodevelopmental outcomes of children born in Canada at < 29 weeks GA April 1, 2009-Sept 30, 2011?
- What are the determinants, including site, of neurodevelopmental outcome rates?







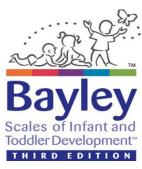




- 26 participating sites across Canada
 - Enrolled babies born
 April 1, 2009-Sept
 30, 2011 at ≤ 28 wks GA
- Linked to Level-III NICUs (CNN)



- Details of CNFUN Assessments
- At 18 months corrected age:
 - Clinic visit
 - Sociodemographic information and post-NICU discharge health utilization
 - Growth and physical examination
 - CP and Gross Motor Function Classification System
 - Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development (3rd edition)
- At 36 months corrected age:
 - Questionnaire mail out
 - Health Status Classification Pre-School (HSCS-PS)
 - Ages and Stages Questionnaire
 - Behaviour Rating Inventory of Executive Function-Preschool (BRIEF-P)



CNFUN Methods

- Developed database and manual (available at www.cnfun.ca
- Developed a certification program for Bayley-III testers
- CNN collects neonatal data on all NICU admissions < 29 wks GA
- NICUs notify local FU programs of eligible subjects and their unique identifier
- CNFUN sites track patients and do 18 month in person assessment according to manual
- De-identified data uploaded to MiCare coordinating site
- CNFUN tracked follow-up rates and notified sites
- Data verification and ascertaining data linkage

Definitions of Adverse Neurodevelopmental Outcome

Impairments	Severe neurodevelopmental impairment = SNI (Any one or more of the following)*	Neurodevelopmental impairment =NDI (Any one or more of the following)#
Motor	CP with GMFCS III,IV or V	CP with GMFCS I or higher
	Bayley III Motor composite <70	Bayley III Motor composite <85
Cognitive	Bayley III Cognitive composite <70	Bayley III Cognitive composite <85
Language	Bayley III Language composite <70	Bayley III Language composite <85
Hearing	Hearing aid or cochlear implant	Sensorineural/mixed hearing loss
Vision	Bilateral visual impairment	Uni- or bilateral visual impairment

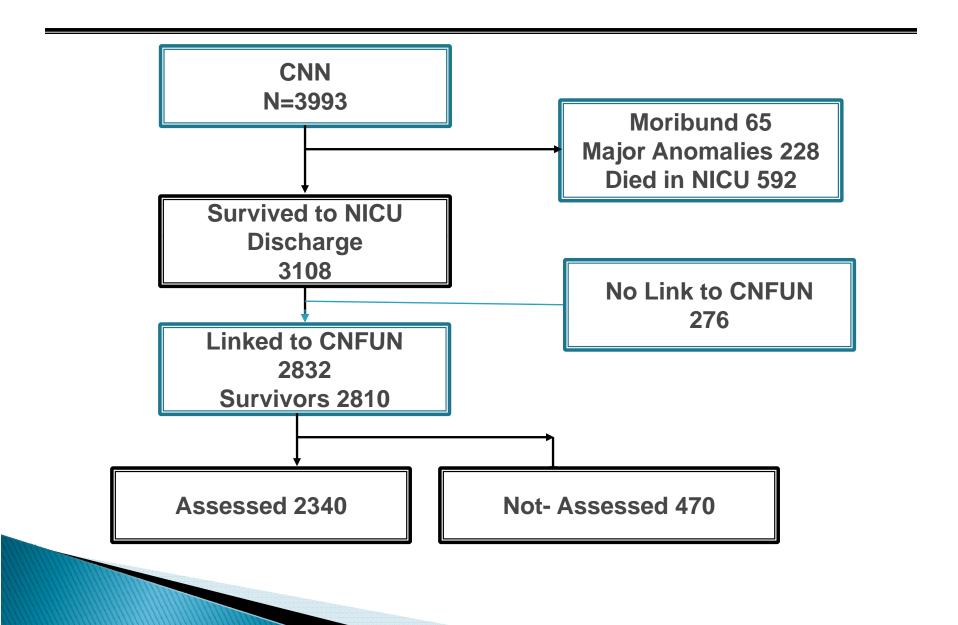
^{*}Includes children who could not be tested using the Bayley-III but who had a Bayley-III General Adaptive Composite score < 70, or who were assessed to have a severe developmental delay

Children with a SNI or those who could not be tested using the Bayley-III but who had a Bayley-III General Adaptive Composite score < 85

Analyses

- Regression Analyses for SNI, NDI and SNI or death
- Step 1
 - Patient Characteristics and Pregnancy Complications
- Step 2:
 - SNAP-II
- Step 3:
 - NICU complications
- Step 4:
 - Severe brain injury
- Step 5:
 - Site

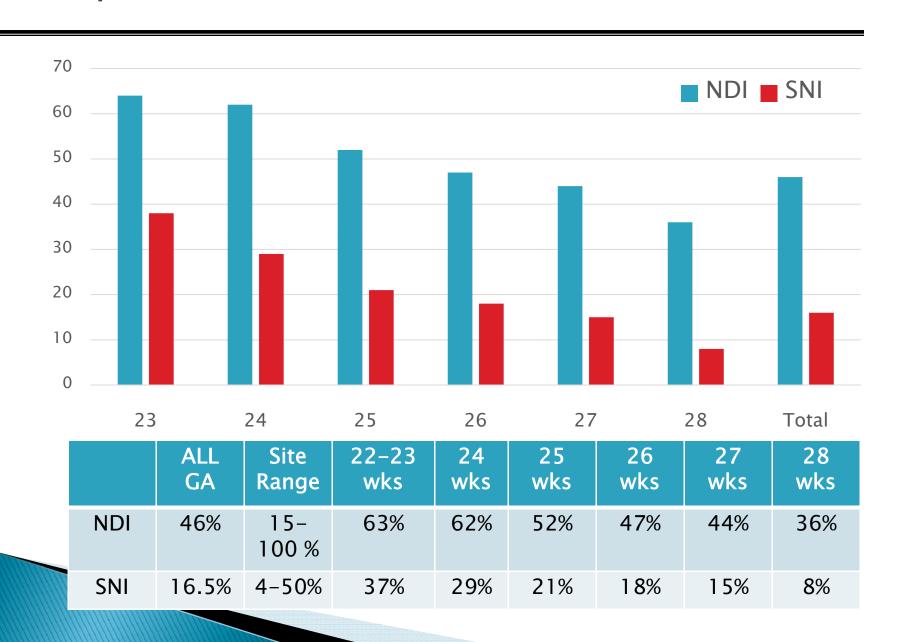
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Comparison of Neonates Assessed and Those Lost to Follow-up

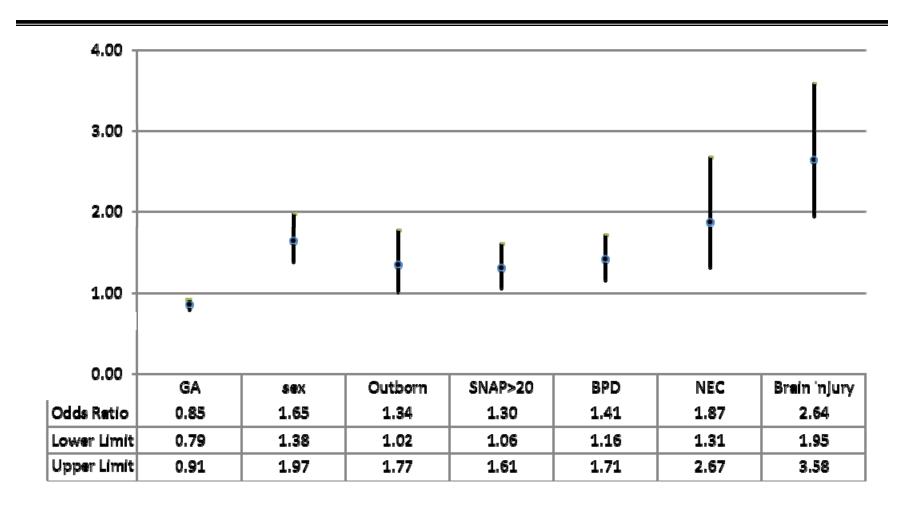
	Neonates with a neurodevelopmental assessment (n=2391)	Follow-up information not available (n=781)	P-value*
Median gestational age in weeks (IQR)	27 (25, 28)	27 (26, 28)	<0.01
Median birth weight in grams (IQR)	920 (770, 1100)	990 (800, 1160)	<0.01
Small for gestational age	171 (7.3)	48(6.5)	0.44
Male sex	1232 (52.7)	416 (55.9)	0.13
Chorioamnionitis	482 (25.1)	130 (23.4)	0.42
Maternal hypertension	391 (17.1)	110 (15.5)	0.34
Maternal diabetes mellitus	180 (8.0)	42 (6.0)	0.08
Any antenatal steroids	2063 (90.3)	599 (84.8)	< 0.01
Rupture of membranes \geq 24 hours	482 (21.0)	120 (17.1)	0.02
Cesarean birth	1359 (58.3)	406 (55.3)	0.15
Twins or multiples	663 (28.3)	179 (24.1)	0.03
Apgar score at 5 minute (median, IQR)	7 (6, 8)	7 (6, 8)	0.05
SNAP-II score (median, IQR)	14 (9, 21)	9 (5, 16)	< 0.01
Bronchopulmonary dysplasia	1043 (44.6)	257 (34.9)	< 0.01
Early-onset sepsis	39(1.7)	9 (1.2)	0.38
Late-onset sepsis	656 (28.0)	180 (24.1)	0.04
Necrotizing enterocolitis	166 (7.1)	52 (7.1)	0.98
Retinopathy of prematurity > stage 3	276 (15.0)	53 (10.7)	0.01
Intraventricular hemorrhage grade 3 or 4 or periventricular leukomalacia	245 (10.8)	59 (8.8)	0.14
Periventricular leukomalacia	122 (5.6)	33 (5.3)	0.75

Composite Outcomes

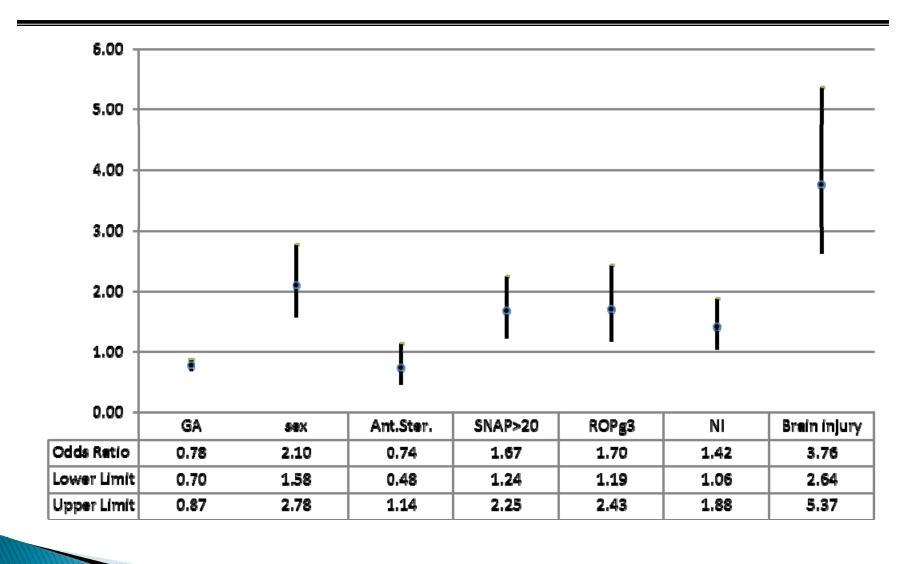


	Entire cohort N (%)	Range (%) across sites*	≤ 23 wks GA (64)	24 Wks GA (187)	25 wks GA (395)	26 wks GA (505)	27 wks GA (607)	28 wks GA (633)
Cerebral palsy	146 (6.4)	1.4-28.6	8 (13.1)	22 (12.2)	32 (8.4)	32 (6.7)	23 (4)	29 (4.8)*
Bayley-III results Motor Composite								
Median (IQR)	94 (85, 100)		85 (73, 94)	88 (79, 97)	91 (82, 100)	94 (85, 100)	94 (88, 103)	97 (88, 103)
Score < 85	457 (21.5)	7.7-100	23 (46.0)	57 (33.7)	96 (26.8)	108 (24.0)	83 (15.7)	90 (15.8)*
Score < 70	140 (6.6)	1.9-22.2	9 (18.0)	21 (12.4)	31 (8.7)	34 (7.6)	23 (4.3)	22 (3.9)
Cognitive Median (IQR)	95 (90, 105)		90 (80, 95)	90 (80, 100)	95 (85, 105)	95 (85, 105)	95 (90, 105)	100 (90, 105)
Score < 85	321 (14.5)	3.7-32.1	19 (36.5)	44 (25.4)	63 (17.0)	80 (17.1)	75 (13.3)	40 (6.8)*
Score < 70	73 (3.3)	0.7-20.0		10 (5.8)	22 (6.0)	16 (3.4)	13 (2.3)	8 (1.4)
Language Median (IQR)	91 (79, 100)		83 (68, 94)	84 (74, 97)	89 (77, 100)	91 (79, 100)	91 (79, 103)	94 (83, 103)
Score <85	748 (34.9)	11.1-100	27 (54.0)	85 (50.0)	143 (39.2)	160 (35.1)	192 (35.5)	141 (25.1)
Score < 70	229 (10.7)	2.9-39.6	14 (28.0)	32 (18.8)	53 (14.5)	51 (11.2)	54 (10.0)	25 (4.5)
Hearing Any hearing loss	182 (8.1)	2.0-33.3	9 (14.5)	19 (10.7)	45 (12.0)	30 (6.4)	37 (6.5)	42 (7.1)*
Hearing aid or cochlear implant	60 (2.6)	0.9-21.4	6 (9.5)	9 (4.9)	19 (5.0)	9 (1.9)	10 (1.7)	7 (1.2)
Vision Uni– or bilateral visual impairment	41 (1.9)	0.8-14.3	8 (14.3)	6 (3.5)	11 (3.0)	7 (1.5)	6 (1.1)*	
Bilateral visual impairment	35 (1.6)	0.8-14.3	7 (12.5)	6 (3.5)	10 (2.7)	5 (1.1)	5 (0.9)	

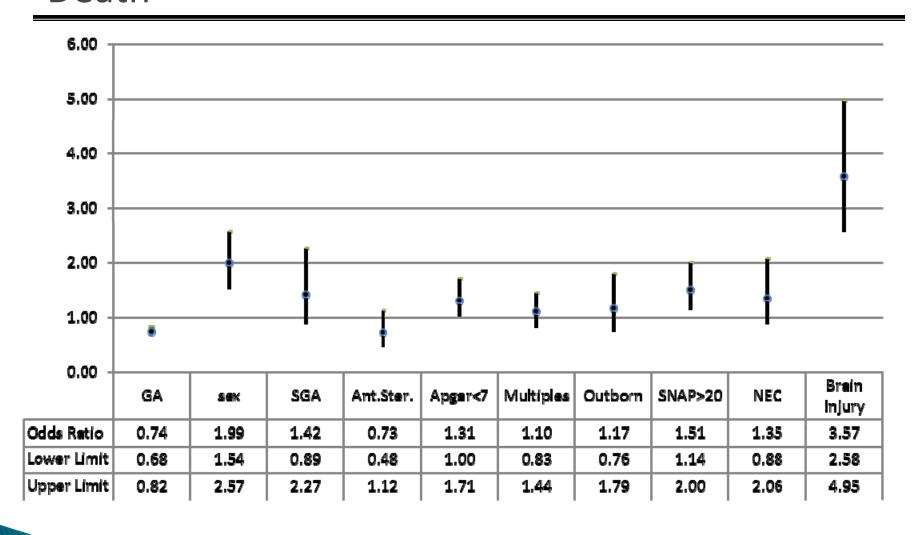
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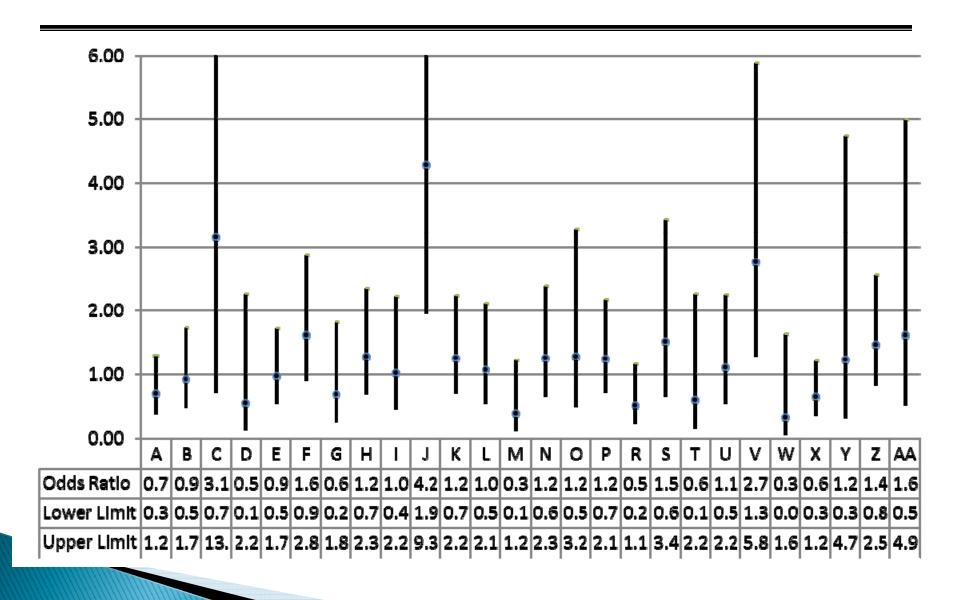
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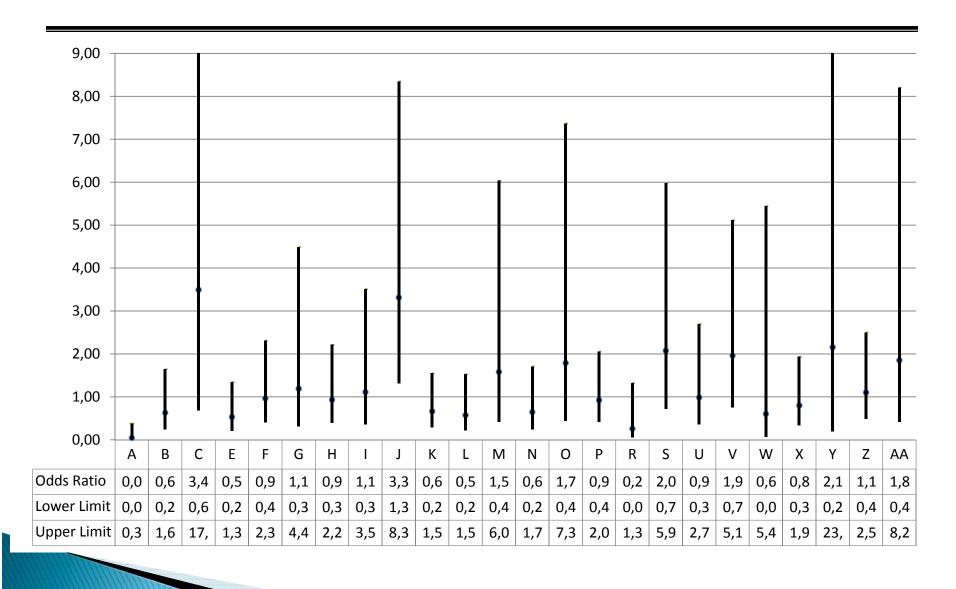
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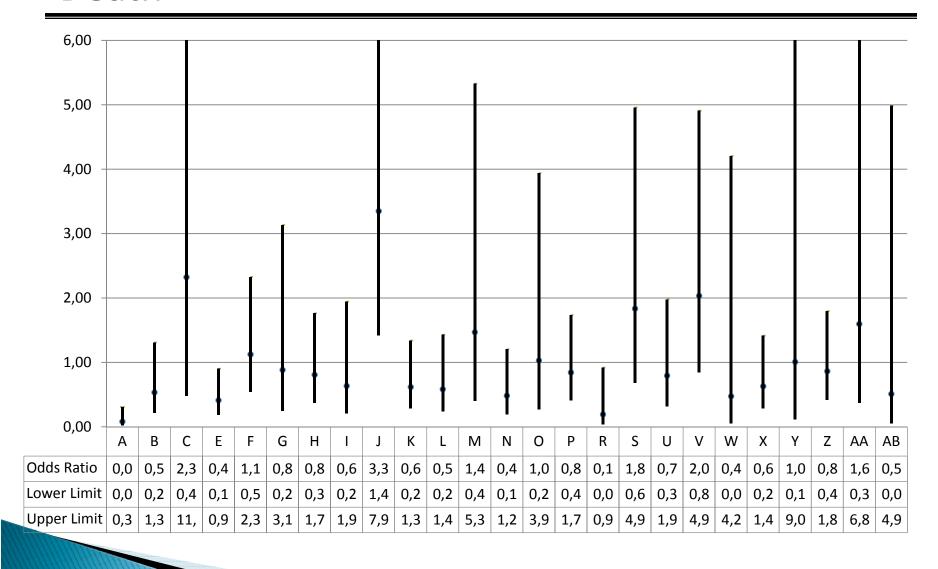
Neurodevelopmental Impairment



Severe Neurodevelopmental Impairment



Severe Neurodevelopmental Impairment or Death



Comparison with the literature

EXPRESS Group (Sweden) 2004-2007 < 27 wks GA (Serenius 2013)

Cerebral Palsy 7%

Bayley III mean cognitive 94 vs 96.1 median 95

Bayley III mean language 98 vs 89.0 median 91

Bayley III mean motor 94 vs 91.8 median 94

 Australia < 28 wks /<1 kg, 2005 (Anderson Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med 2010)

Bayley III mean cognitive 96.9 vs 96.1

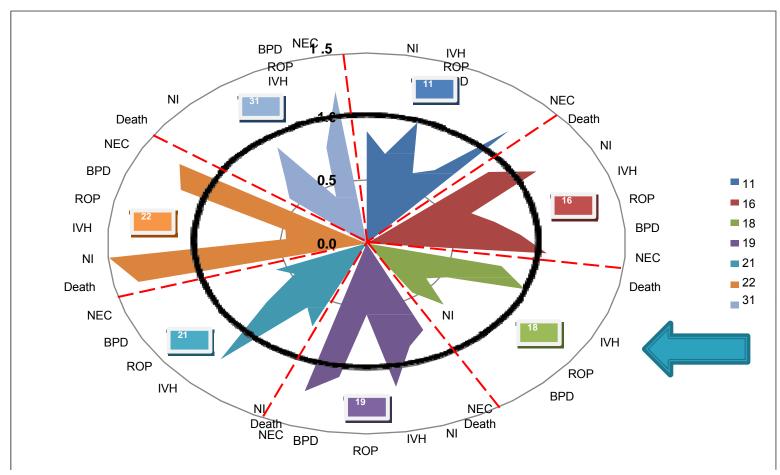
Bayley III mean language 94.2 vs 89.0

Bayley III mean motor 100.4 vs 91.8

ELGAN Study group 2002-2004 < 28 wks GA (Kuban J Pediatr 2008)
 Cerebral Palsy 11.4%

Conclusions

- ▶ 84% of survivors are free of severe impairment
- Statistically significant difference by GA
- Determinants of adverse outcome:
 - GA, sex, antenatal steroids, outborn, Apgar < 7
 - SNAP > 20
 - NICU morbidities (BPD, NEC, ROP, NI)
 - Severe brain injury
 - Site



Adjusted standardized ratios for mortality and morbidities

Site		Adjuste	d standardized	ratio		
	Death	NI	IVH	ROP	BPD	NEC
11	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.7	1.2
16	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
18	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.5
19	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.6	1.1	1.2
21	0.7	0.6	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.6
22	1.4	1.5	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.3
31	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.8	1.2

The Effect of Neurodevelopmental Disability Definition on Incidence Rates Among Very Preterm Infants

MD Haslam, S Lisonkova, D Creighton, P Church, A Synnes, and CNFUN

BACKGROUND

 Various criteria are used to define severe neurodevelopmental disability (SND) and the effect of definition is rarely reported.

OBJECTIVES

 To examine the impact of differences in commonly used definitions of severe neurodevelopmental disability on the incidence rates and the associations with risk factors.

SND Definiti on	CP Severit y*	Motor (Bayley- III)	Language (Bayley-III)	Cognitive (Bayley-III)	Hearing Impairment	SNI Incidence (%)	Rate Ratio (95% CI)
1	3-5	<70	<70	<70	Hearing aid or cochlear implant	16.2	3.33 (2.70, 4.10)
2	4-5	_	64	68	-	9.8	2.00 (1.60, 2.50)
3	4-5	<70	_	<70	Profound hearing loss (>90dBHL)	8.9	1.83 (1.46,) 2.30
4	4-5	≤55	≤55	≤55	_	6.0	1.23 (0.96, 1.58)
5	4-5	<55	<55	<55	Profound hearing loss (>90dBHL)	6.0	1.22 (0.96, 1.57)
6	3-5	_	<55	<55	Profound hearing loss (>90dBHL)	5.5	1.13 (0.88, 1.46)
7	4-5	-	<55	<55	-	4.9	Ref

^{*}Using the Gross Motor Function Classification System
Note: Every definition also included a visual component (severely impaired if bilaterally blind)

Risk factor	Highest Incidence AOR (95% CI)	Lowest Incidence AOR (95% CI)
Ethnicity (First Nations)	3.22 (1.62, 6.42)	NS
Fetal drug exposure	3.00 (1.43, 6.29)	3.46 (1.21, 9.91)
Gestational age (weeks)	0.87 (0.78, 0.98)	NS
Sex (male)	1.83 (1.34, 2.49)	NS
SNAP-II >20	1.82 (1.33, 2.50)	2.05 (1.22, 3.44)
BPD	NS	3.00 (1.65, 5.43)
ROP≥ stage 3	1.80 (1.23, 2.64)	1.83 (1.05, 3.17)
Late onset sepsis	1.57 (1.15, 2.14)	1.81 (1.09, 3.01)
Injury (IVH≥grade 3 or PVL)	4.65 (3.22, 6.86)	4.81 (2.80, 8.27)

Importance of Definition

- Definition impacts incidence rate
- Definition impacts significant predictors
- Used for counselling and guidelines

But what outcomes are important for parents deciding on behalf of the child?

Examples of CNFUN projects

- Neurodevelopmental outcomes of preterm infants treated with bevacizumab for severe retinopathy of prematurity (Luu et al)
- 2. Preterm children with suspected cerebral palsy at 18 months corrected age (Gillone et al)
- 3. Preterm Infant Journeys in a Canadian Regionalized Health Services Context (Ballantyne et al)
- 4. Short- and long-term outcomes of neonatal gramnegative sepsis in Canadian NICUs (Derynck et al)
- 5. The CNFUN Cohort of Children Born Preterm: Outcomes at Three Years

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Questions?

Next Steps

- Complete and/ or publish > 20 projects
- Individual site outcomes over time periods
- Develop definitions that align with the WHO ICF-CY
- PRETERM BIRTH TEAM GRANT to improve developmental outcomes

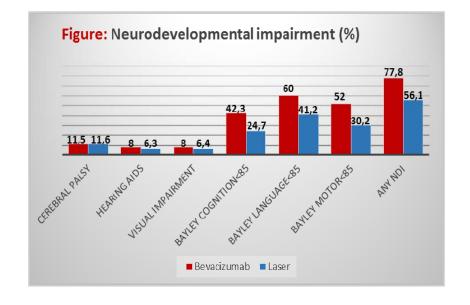


Neurodevelopmental outcomes of preterm infants treated with bevacizumab for severe retinopathy of prematurity

Morin J¹, Luu TM¹, Superstein R¹, Ospina LH¹, Lefebvre F¹, Simard M-N¹, Shah V², Shah PS² and Kelly EN ²

 To compare neurodevelopmental outcomes at 18-22 months of preterm infants treated with bevacizumab vs. laser.

	Bevacizumab	Laser
	N=27	N=98
GA, mean (SD), wks	24.9 (1.5)	24.7 (1.3)
Birth weight, mean (SD),g	739 (172)	714 (140)
Male sex, n (%)	16 (59.3)	41 (41.8)
Maternal education, n (%)		
High school and less	9 (37.5)	27 (29.4)
Some college and above	15 (62.5)	65 (70.7)
SNAP-II score, median (IQR)	24 (19, 31)	19 (13, 28)
O2 at 36 weeks , n(%)	20 (74.1)	76 (77.6)
PDA ligation, n(%)	8 (29.6)	40 (40.8)
Culture-proven sepsis, n (%)	15 (55.6)	47 (48.0)
IVH, n(%)	12 (44.4)	46 (46.9)
ROP, n(%)		
Zone I, any stage	5 (19.2)	6 (6.7)
Zone II, stage 2-3 with plus disease	21 (80.8)	63 (70.0)
Stage 4-5	0 (0)	21 (23.3)
Neonatal hospitalization, mean (SD), days	139 (52)	128 (42)



Outcome	Unadjusted	Adjusted**
Neurodevelopmental	2.74 (1.02, 7.37)	2.98 (0.99, 8.98)
impairment		
Severe	2.69 (1.13, 6.44)	2.61 (1.00, 6.83)
neurodevelopmental		
impairment		
Bayley Cognition <85	2.23 (0.90, 5.58)	2.65 (0.92, 7.59)
Bayley Language <85	2.14 (0.86, 5.32)	1.84 (0.68, 4.96)
Bayley Motor <85	2.50 (1.01, 6.21)	2.30 (0.87, 6.08)

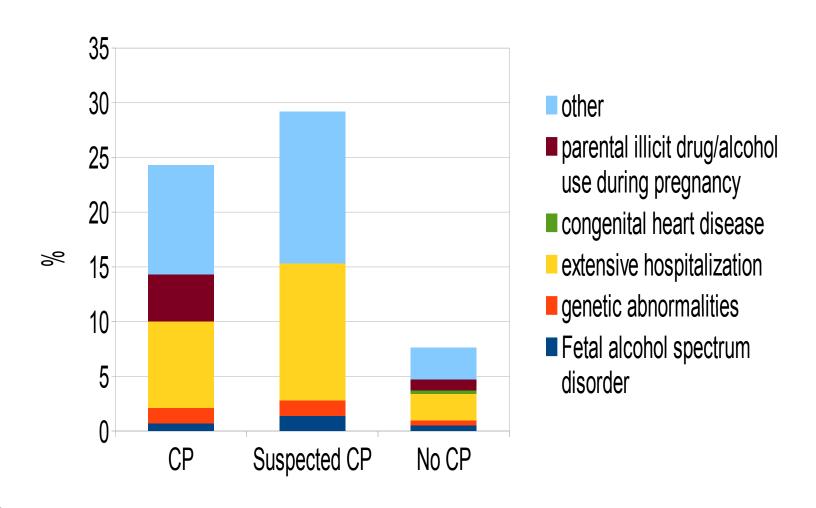
- Bevacizumab is associated with higher rates of neurodevelopmental impairment.
- Further investigations on the long-term safety of anti-VEGF treatment for ROP are warranted.

Preterm children with suspected cerebral palsy at 18 months corrected age in the Canadian Neonatal Follow-Up Network

J Gillone, A Synnes, A Majnemer, A Lodha, D Creighton, D Moddemann

	CP (6.8%)	Suspected CP (3.5%)	No CP (89.7%)	P value
GA (wks), median (IQR)	26 (25-27)	27 (25-27)	27 (25-28)	<0.01
BWT, mean (sd)	908 (223)	929 (205)	943 (224)	0.18
Age (mos), mean (sd)	18.6 (1.5)	19.0 (1.4)	18.7 (1.5)	0.22

Fig: Other diagnoses that may affect development



	СР	Suspected CP	No CP	P value
Bilateral visual problem, n (%)	20 (31.8)	1 (5.6)	14 (5.7)	<0.01
Hearing aid/cochlear implant, n (%)	21 (15.0)	3 (4.2)	27 (1.5)	<0.01
Bayley III cognitive, mean (sd)	80.5 (16.9)	90.4 (20.1)	97.1 (13.6)	<0/01
Bayley III language, mean (sd)	78 (17.9)	84.4 (18.6)	90.4 (16.7)	<0.01
Bayley III motor, mean (sd)	67 (15.1)	80.7 (17.9)	93.5 (12.9)	<0.01

36% with suspected CP would not be identified using conventional definitions of impairment

Suspected CP group had more rehospitalisations (p<0.01) than those with or without CP

Preterm Infant Journeys in a Canadian Regionalized Health Services Context Ballantyne M, Sauve R, Creighton D, Saigal S, Asztalos E, Couture E, Vincer M, Majnemer A, Synnes A

- In Canada, NICU and Neonatal Follow-Up are regionalized services
- To determine distances from home to NICU, home to NFU and infant factors affecting attendance rates at Canadian NFU programs for infants < 29 weeks gestation born in 2010

	CNFUN Attendees (n=1002)	CNFUN Non-attendees (n=252)	p value
Distance Factors			
Distance to NICU (kms), mean(sd)	99 (243)	128 (285)	0.18
Inter-NICU Transports, n (%)	170 (17)	43(17)	0.97
Infant Factors			
Gestational Age (wks), mean (sd)	26.4 (1.3)	26.7 (1.2)	0.01
SNAP-II score, median (IQR)	14 (8, 21)	9 (0, 14)	<0.01
Birth weight in grams, mean (sd)	945 (227)	1010 (246)	<0.01
BPD (36 weeks CA), n (%)	463(46)	81(33)	<0.01
ROP (grade 3 or 4) n (%)	118 (15)	13 (7)	0.01
NEC (surgical) n (%)	63 (6)	15 (6)	0.92
IVH (grade 3 or 4) n (%)	149 (15)	21 (10)	0.03

- Families of preterm infants, on average, travel considerable distances to access health services
- Attendance at NFU was associated with infant factors rather than travel distance.



Short- and long-term outcomes of neonatal gram-negative sepsis in Canadian NICUs

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- Early-onset sepsis (<48 hours) and late-onset sepsis (>48 hours), affecting 1.5-2.2% and 24.4-31.7% of neonates in Canadian NICUs
- The prevalence of gram-negative sepsis (GNS) is increasing
- To compare short- and long-term outcomes of neonates with early-onset and late-onset GNS to those without sepsis in Canadian NICUs
- EOS is not associated with increased neonatal morbidities
- LOS is associated with an increased incidence of NEC OR 3.81 (2.14, 6.79)
- There is a difference in microbiological etiology of EOS and LOS

Adjusted odds ratios of neurodevelopmental outcomes at 18-21 months of age in relation to gram-negative sepsis

Outcome		LOS (>48 hours) N=171
Neurodevelopmenta Impairment*	1.73 (0.69, 4.30)	1.02 (0.70, 1.49)
Severe Neurodevelopmenta I Impairment [†]	1.64 (0.72, 3.75)	1.05 (0.72, 1.53)

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SDV1 Mount Sinai Hospital - also falls under University of Toronto so may be place that at the end?

Shah, Dr. Vibhuti; 09/04/2015

SDV2 I have put the title in BOLD - IT STICKS OUT

YOU COULD DO THE SAME WITH THE NAMES AND AFFILIATIONS

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SDV7 do we not provide baseline characteristics of the study population - did I miss it?

Shah, Dr. Vibhuti; 09/04/2015

should neonatal death be part of the excluson criteria?

I do not remember how the data was analyzed

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SDV9 word changed

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SDV10 should it be 18-24 months??

Shah, Dr. Vibhuti; 09/04/2015

SDV11 this is contradictory to what you say in introduction

gram negative sepsis is more common for E.coli .

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SDV12 in the methodology you say 3 groups but no sepsis group is not shown

be clear in what you want to present adn state the methods appropriately

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The Canadian Neonatal Follow-Up Network Cohort of Children Born Preterm: Outcomes at Three Years Alberta Girardi, PhD & Anne Synnes, MDCM

	Standard Mean (SD)	CNFUN Mean (SD)	Monitor Zone ¹	Below Cutoff ²
ASQ-3 Area				
Communication	51.88 (10.44)	48.10 (14.19)*	10.4%	14.0%
Gross Motor	54.68 (8.84)	48.76 (14.97)*	13.7%	18.5%
Fine Motor	47.07 (14.5)	41.73 (16.64)*	16.2%	12.3%
Problem Solving	51.97 (10.84)	47.68 (14.71)*	12.6%	17.7%
Personal-Social	52.82 (8.74)	49.05 (12.11)*	8.5%	14.6%

% Below Cut-off in One or More Areas of the ASQ-3 by Gestational Age

GA	22-23	24 wks	25 wks	26 wks	27 wks	28 wks
%						
	51.7	47.1	39.8	38.1	33.4	28.1

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	% of C	CNFUN Sa	mple wit	h each H	ISCS-PS	Score	
HSCS-PS Domain	1	2	3	4	5	6	Missing
1a. Seeing objects close	91.6	3.3	0.2	0.2	_	-	4.7
1b. Seeing object far away	84.4	4.2	0.6	0.3	-	_	10.5
2. Hearing (English version only)	89.8	1.3	2.3	0.5	0.4	0.1	5.7
3. Speaking	46.8	36.2	9.4	3.3	-	_	4.3
4. Getting Around	75.4	16.9	0.9	1.3	1.5	_	4.1
5. Using Hands and Fingers	87.9	5.8	1.5	0.7	-	_	4.1
6. Taking Care of Self	56.7	28.9	7.1	2.6	-	_	4.7
7. Feelings	93.5	1.7	0.2	-	-	_	4.6
8. Learning and Remembering	71.7	17.2	6.0	0.2	-	-	4.9
9. Thinking and Solving Problems	72.8	17.8	3.0	1.7	_	_	4.7
10. Pain and Discomfort	79.1	15.3	1.2	0.0	-	_	4.4
11. General Health	73.6	18.6	3.3	0.1	-	-	4.4
12. Behavior	80.3	3.1	1.6	0.4	-	-	4.6

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	T-Score Mean (SD)	At or Above Cutoff ¹
BRIEF-P Domain		
Inhibit	51.0 (12.3)*	13.8%
Shift	48.6 (10.1)*	8.8%
Emotional Control	48.2 (10.3)*	8.3%
Working Memory	54.7 (13.5)*	23.0%
Plan/organize	49.7 (12.0)	10.2%
BRIEF-P Index Score	·	
Inhibitory Self-Control Index	49.8 (11.8)	13.0%
Flexibility Index	48.2 (10.5)*	8.1%
Emergent Metacognition Index	52.8 (13.5)*	18.9%
Global Executive Composite	50.8 (13.0)	14.7%

Inhaled steroid to prevent or treat bronchopulmonary dysplasia and neurodevelopmental outcomes.

Patterns and correlates of 'Health Resource Utilization' at 18 months CA.

The nature and incidence of major adverse neurodevelopmental outcomes at 18 months CA.

Preterm patient journeys - travels through the Canadian health care system.

Children with suspect cerebral palsy at 18-24 months CA.

Hypothermia in the extremely low GA infants: predictors and early neurodevelopmental outcomes.

Neurodevelopmental outcomes following intravitreal bevacizumab for retinopathy of prematurity.

Neurodevelopmental outcomes in infants born at the limits of viability.

Short- and long-term outcomes of infants with necrotizing enterocolitis: impact of laparotomy versus peritoneal drainage.

Developing a model to predict a positive neurodevelopmental outcome for the extremely preterm infant.

Bronchopulmonary dysplasia and long-term outcomes of very preterm infants.

Short-and long-term outcomes of neonatal gram-negative sepsis.

Early caffeine administration and long-term neurodevelopmental outcomes in infants born <29 weeks at 18-24 months CA.

 $Long-term\ neurodevelopment al\ outcomes\ following\ extensive\ cardiopulmonary\ resuscitation\ in\ the\ delivery\ room\ for\ infants\ born\ < 29\ weeks\ GA.$

MgS04 administration for fetal neuroprotection.

The effect of 'Neurodevelopmental Impairment' definition on the incidence rates and prognosis among very preterm infants.

The effect of exposure to languages other than English in young children born preterm.

Sociodemographic characteristics of families of children born preterm.

Health and developmental outcomes of children born preterm, a 3-year CNFUN follow-up.

Neurodevelopmental outcome of infants with intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH).

Long-term neurodevelopmental outcomes of preterm infants who received room air, 100% oxygen, and intermediate oxygen during the start of delivery room resuscitation for infants born <29 weeks GA.

The neurodevelopmental outcomes of neonatal seizures in very preterm infants.

Long-term neurodevelopmental outcomes of extreme preterm infants treated with prophylactic indomethacin for prevention of intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH).

Maternal smoking and long-term neurodevelopmental outcomes in infants born <29 weeks GA.



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Background

- The Canadian Neonatal Follow-Up Network (CNFUN) is a collaboration of 26 neonatal and perinatal follow-up programs across Canada.
- · A standardized assessment at 18 months corrected age and database of children born preterm at < 29 weeks gestation was implemented to evaluate their health, neurodevelopment and health
- 18 months can be too early to confirm neurodevelopmental status.
 Knowledge of long-term outcomes can assist parents in preparing for the challenges they may encounter through their children's development, and can identify areas of development that may benefit from early intervention.
- The aim of this study is to describe the function, neurodevelopment and executive function as assessed by questionnaire at 3 years corrected age in the same cohort.

46.1%

Gestational age (med)

27 weeks

31 years

69.2% 92.2%

69.7%

86.1%

5.7%

910 grams

Participants were caregivers of infants (n = 1376) born at less than 29 weeks gestational age between April 1, 2009 and September 30, 2011. Questionnaires were completed when the children were approximately 36 months of age, corrected for prematurity.

Ouestionnaires:

Sociodemographic Questionnaire

Ages and Stages Questionnaire - 3rd Edition (ASO-3)

- a comprehensive screening tool to identify developmental delays in young children

lower scores indicate greater
Belevior, Gerlieg day gelquo f Executive Functioning – Preschool (BRIEF-P)
executive functioning is an umbrella term that describes cognitive

processes involved in planning and organizing actions and emotions - higher scores on the BRIEF-P indicate more difficulties with executive functioning

Health Status Classification System - Preschool (HSCS-PS)

- a multidimensional measure of overall health for use with preschool
- items compare the child's functioning to other children of the same age, and assess the amount of assistance required to complete associated tasks Participating CNFUN Sites
- higher scores indicate a greater need for assistance to function in that

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ASQ-3 Area				
Communication	51.88 (10.44)	48.10 (14.19)*	10.4%	14.0%
Gross Motor	54.68 (8.84)	48.76 (14.97)*	13.7%	18.5%
Fine Motor	47.07 (14.5)	41.73 (16.64)*	16.2%	12.3%
		47.68 (14.71)*	12.6%	17.7%
Personal-Social	52.82 (8.74)	49.05 (12.11)*	8.5%	14.6%

% Below Cut-off in One or More Areas of the ASQ-3 by Gestational Age							
Gestational Age	22-23 weeks	24 weeks	25 weeks	26 weeks	27 weeks	29 weeks	
% Below Cut-off	51.7%	47.1%	39.8%	38.1%	33.4%	28.1%	

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% At or Above Cut-off on the BRIEF-P Global Executive Composite by Gestational Age							
Gestationa I Age	22-23 weeks	24 weeks	25 weeks	26 weeks	27 weeks	29 weeks	
% Above Cut-off	21.0%	24.0%	15.8%	11.8%	13.9%	13.6%	

	% of CN	IFUN Sa	mple wit	th each	HSCS-P	S Score	
HSCS-PS Domain	1	2	3	4	5	6	Missing
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Number of HSCS-PS Health Domains Affected (score of 3 or above in a domain)							
Number of domains affected	Zero domains affected	1-2 domains affected	3 or more domains affected	Missing			
% of CNFUN sample	72.6%	16.6%	7.0%	3.9%			

Discussion / Implications

- Preterm children in Canada have lower scores in all developmental
- Consistent with previous research, working memory is the domain of executive function most likely to be affected by
- Unexpectedly, the CNFUN cohort scored significantly *lower* in the inhibit and emotional control domains of executive functioning
- As gestational age (GA) decreased, a greater proportion of children exceeded clinical cutoffs on both the ASQ-3 and BRIEF-P, suggesting greater risk with decreasing GA
- The most frequently affected (score > 3) health domains on the HSCS-PS were speaking and self-care.

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