

United Cerebral Palsy

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- “The United Cerebral Palsy Research Committee is raising funds to support groundbreaking research on early identification and early therapeutic and biomedical intervention. Early diagnosis of cerebral palsy and early treatment are symbiotic as one requires the other to leverage the opportunity that neuroplasticity and evolving development affords a child to have positive outcomes that result in *living a life without limits*.”

Key Points:

- Early diagnosis provides the opportunity for specific testing, surveillance, and treatment to prevent complications and optimize developmental neuroplasticity during a critical period in an individual’s life prior to 3 years old.
 - Focused biomedical and therapeutic interventions have the potential to change child development as never before by capitalizing on the developing brain’s creation and organization of structures, connections, and function.
 - Early biomedical treatment opportunities identifying the cause of a child’s condition allows physicians and scientists to move beyond just suppressing symptoms to focusing on the fundamental problem. Such approaches also enable the development and use of targeted therapies designed with the individual in mind.
 - Research funding will be allocated to support these areas of focus. This was established in 2020.
- ALL received a response on 7/13/2023 from UCP regarding human embryonic stem cells: “Our Research Initiative began in 2020, and to date we have not supported research that includes the use of human embryonic stem cells.”



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