

+ It is one of life's most beautiful moments: a baby's birth. But it can be heartbreaking when you realize that improper medical care has resulted in an injury that will forever change your child's life.

There are many factors that can contribute to complications during childbirth: the mother's health, the position of the baby, and the timing of the delivery (if the baby is late or premature). Also, certain methods and instruments used by the medical team during delivery can contribute to those complications. But no matter the reason, when something goes wrong, the results are often devastating. This can include any of a number of birth injuries such as Erb's Palsy and cerebral palsy.

Erb's palsy and cerebral palsy are not congenital. These conditions frequently occur from mistakes.

While each child can be affected very differently in terms of type and severity of the symptoms (loss of muscle control, impaired speech, seizures, paralysis, or even blindness), one thing that is often very common in each child's case is that the injuries were preventable. Special birthing maneuvers, the ability to detect warning signs in prenatal tests, and knowing when a baby is in distress is the responsibility of the doctor.

There is hope because in some cases, you can obtain compensation for these injuries even if the child is in his or her teens. And, in doing so, you can provide your child with the absolute best possible care and comfort for life, including therapy, surgery, medications, home care and equipment.



**AT DUFFY + PARTNERS**, we have a great deal of experience in handling these cases. And with that experience comes a multitude of benefits for you:

- A panel of physicians, nurses and other healthcare experts who know how to interpret medical documentation and help us build a strong case for you.
- An active network of birth injury resource professionals that we have developed over the years that can provide advice and support in the areas of special needs, education, medical benefits, and so much more.
- A special level of trust, care and compassion in understanding what you and your child are facing. We have a special bond with each and every one of our past clients, and those relationships remain strong long after the case has been won.
- The confidence in knowing that if we represent you, it is because we believe we can win. We work on a contingency fee basis, which means if we are not successful, we receive no payment at all. When you win, we win.



## SETTLEMENTS

While our settlements often involve confidentiality, here are some examples of notable successes we obtained for our clients:

**\$20.5 million settlement** from a major Philadelphia hospital and its doctors based on our proof that the doctors failed to appreciate distress on a fetal monitoring strip. The doctors delayed performing a cesarean section. That delay resulted in anoxic injury to the child and severe cerebral palsy.

**\$13.5 million settlement** from a major Philadelphia hospital and its doctors based on our proof that the attending maternal fetal medicine physician and the residents who were asked to monitor the mother's labor failed to see that an increase in the mother's glucose level was caused by a failure to properly administer insulin. The doctors delayed initiating delivery for the child resulting in an anoxic injury causing severe cerebral palsy.

**\$5 million settlement** for a child who suffered severe cerebral palsy due to head trauma that was sustained when the doctors improperly used instruments during delivery.

**\$4.5 million settlement** from a teaching hospital and an attending physician who failed to recognize that a mother had had a recent outbreak of herpes. The doctor permitted the mother to deliver the child vaginally, exposing the child to the herpes virus which caused severe cerebral palsy. The child was 15 when the mother first approached Duffy + Partners, after another attorney had reviewed the case and turned it down.

**\$3.8 million settlement** for a boy who, at 28 hours after birth, developed necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC). Failure to properly diagnose the NEC resulted in a decrease in oxygen saturation that ultimately caused an anoxic injury and cerebral palsy to the boy.

**\$2.25 million settlement** for a baby with cerebral palsy who was delivered by a midwife and nurses. The midwife and nurses failed to recognize the significance of deceleration and drop in the baseline on the fetal monitor.

**\$1.5 million settlement** for a boy with Erb's Palsy caused by an attending doctor's negligent delivery after a shoulder dystocia was encountered. The doctor failed to perform the necessary maneuvers to avoid an injury.

Contact us today. Let's talk about your special situation and determine if we can help make a better life for you and your child.

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