

Questions to ask at neurology appointments

Stroke in childhood

These are the types of questions that a neurologist should be able to help with:

1 Why did the stroke happen?

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2 Are there any other medical tests that might help us to identify why the stroke happened?

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3 Is my child at risk of further strokes?

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4 Can we look at the pictures of the brain scan?

5 What does the brain scan tell us?

6 Will my child need another brain scan in the future?

7 Will the stroke mean my child is at risk of epilepsy?

8 Does my child need to be on any medication? If my child is on medication how will the effectiveness of this be monitored? Are they on the medication for life?

9 What happens when my child needs immunisations, are any of these not advised when a child has had a stroke?

10 Does my child need a referral to a community paediatrician to keep an eye on their general health and wellbeing locally in the longer term?

11 Are there any specific therapy services my child should be referred to?

12 If I have any concerns about my child's mood or learning in the future - can I access services to offer assessment and advice through your team?

13 When we travel, are there any precautions we need to take when flying?

14 Are there any recommendations to reduce the risk of my child having another stroke (for example activities to avoid, advice around keeping hydrated?)

15 If my child's school or educational setting would like advice, can I access this through your team?

Notes

