

fact sheet

Queensland Paediatric Rehabilitation Service

The Queensland Paediatric Rehabilitation Service (QPRS) provides co-ordinated family-focused rehabilitation and tertiary health assessments and interventions for children and adolescents with a range of disabilities resulting from injury, illness or disease. Our goal is to maximise function, prevent or minimise predictable complications and optimise quality of life and participation.

Who we care for

Our multidisciplinary team cares for children and adolescents with:

- Acquired neurological injury or illness (e.g. brain injury)
- Spinal cord dysfunction
- Cerebral palsy (CP) and similar conditions
- Limb deficiency and amputation
- Rare complex conditions (eg: achondroplasia)

Our services

- Multidisciplinary assessments and rehabilitation planning
- Intensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation for acquired neurological disability.
- Rehabilitation following a range of orthopaedic interventions for children with cerebral palsy.
- Hip surveillance and management.
- Outpatient rehabilitation following amputation and for prosthetic training.
- Group programs (e.g. post Botulinum Toxin-A therapy, mobility, social skills and school readiness)
- Orthotics, prosthetics and rehabilitation engineering.
- Education and research, including translation of research into practice.
- Comprehensive gait assessment including three-dimensional (3D) gait analysis.
- State wide clinical outreach and telehealth.



Multidisciplinary clinics

- **Rehabilitation medicine** – acquired brain injury, spinal cord injury, other acquired neurological disability
- **Neurocognitive** – acquired brain injury
- **Spinal** – spina bifida and other congenital spinal conditions.
- **Limb deficiency** – congenital limb deficiency and amputees, prosthetic prescription.
- **Physical Assessment Clinic (PAC)** – physical management of children's movement disorders due to cerebral palsy and similar conditions, including management with intrathecal baclofen.
- **Infant Physical Assessment Clinic (Infant PAC)** – diagnostic and complex care coordination for children with possible cerebral palsy or like conditions.
- **Botulinum toxin (BoNTA)** – spasticity management with BoNTA injections, including injecting clinics and review.

- **Orthopaedic** – for children with CP and like conditions requiring assessment and intervention.
- **Hip surveillance** – assessment and routine X-ray monitoring of hip development with coordination of management as indicated.

Statewide outreach clinics

Outreach clinics occur twice a year in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Gold Coast, Toowoomba and Bundaberg.

The team

Our multidisciplinary team features expertise from many health streams including:

- paediatric rehabilitation medicine
- paediatrics
- paediatric neurology
- paediatric orthopaedic surgery
- neuropsychology and psychology
- nursing
- nutrition and dietetics
- occupational therapy
- orthotics and prosthetics
- physiotherapy
- social work
- speech pathology
- music therapy



Referrals

Referrals to the Queensland Paediatric Rehabilitation Service for both public and private patients are accepted from medical practitioners. The referral must be in writing addressed to a named QPRS medical specialist and signed and dated by the referring doctor. If you are unsure if your referral is still valid you can contact us at any time.

Contact us

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In an emergency, always contact 000 for immediate assistance.

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