**Perinatal Brain Injury** is a cause of the majority of developmental disabilities in young children. It is defined as occurring between the 22nd week of gestation and the 7th day of life. Early diagnosis and treatment are crucial in ameliorating the consequences of the injury. Close follow-up that is coordinated to meet the needs of the infant and family is necessary to create a treatment plan that includes early and intensive therapeutic interventions.²

Parents of children with special health care needs report frustration with care for their children that is uncoordinated and fragmented. The parents require additional support to provide safe and timely care for their child at the time of discharge from a hospital. This is especially important for a newborn who is in need of specialized care due to perinatal brain injury.¹

Creation of **Perinatal Brain Injury Clinic** (program) in 2007 was designed to:

1. Address some of the concerns and stressors
2. Combine providers from Rehabilitation Medicine, Neonatal Neurology, Physical & Occupational Therapy in a single clinic
3. Improve access to care by a seamless integration of inpatient consultation with early outpatient follow up
4. Facilitate communication between the teams: Rehabilitation, Neonatal Neurology, Neonatology, PT, OT
5. Start parent education and counseling at bedside

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