

Developmental Problems

Objectives

To know the Developmental Problems. •

Developmental problems are •
referred to “developmental delays,”
which describe any ongoing delay in
a child’s meeting age-specific
developmental milestones .

Development problems fall into several • categories affecting ongoing functional developmental milestones. These milestone categories include language skills, cognitive development (thinking and learning), social and emotional development, and gross motor and fine motor skills.

Causes of developmental delay are •
widespread, but include:

- inherited disorders •
- mental retardation •
- neurological damage •
- degenerative diseases •
- social or environmental deprivations •
- deafness •

Developmental problems are ongoing, persistent, and do not go away on their own. •

Seek immediate medical care if your child has a seizure; severe difficulty breathing, which may be combined with pale or blue lips; loss of consciousness, even for a brief moment; severe or constant vomiting; rapid heart rate; if an older child is in danger of hurting self or others; or if you suspect child abuse or neglect. •

Seek prompt medical care if your infant or toddler has poor eye contact; does not respond to his or her name; does not respond to others; seems isolated; is obsessed with repetitive actions; does not walk or talk within a reasonable time frame; seems to not hear or see properly; or has excessively aggressive behaviors •

SYMPTOMS

Developmental problems are unique in that • within any single diagnosis or disorder, more than one body system may be involved. In addition, many developmental disorders—especially learning disabilities—embrace all categories and types of developmental milestones, whether social, language, fine or gross motor, or cognitive skills. This can make it impossible to categorize the symptoms of most developmental problems within just one body system or within one category of developmental milestones.

- Perhaps the best examples of social skill •
problems can be demonstrated by three
categories of developmental disabilities:
- 1-attention deficit hyperactivity disorders •
(ADHD)
 - 2-autism spectrum disorders •
 - 3-oppositional-defiant disorders. •

language skill problems

- Apraxia (disorder characterized by the inability to carry out purposeful movements that have (been learned
- (Dyslexia (developmental reading disorder

threatening symptoms including

- Loss of consciousness, even for a brief moment •
- Pale or blue lips, skin, or mucous membranes •
- Rapid heart rate •
- Seizure •
- Severe difficulty breathing •
- Signs suggesting the child is in danger of hurting self or others •
- Signs that are suggestive of child abuse or neglect •

Questions

- What are the causes of developmental delay?
- What are the threatening symptoms including?
- What are the 3 categories of developmental disabilities?