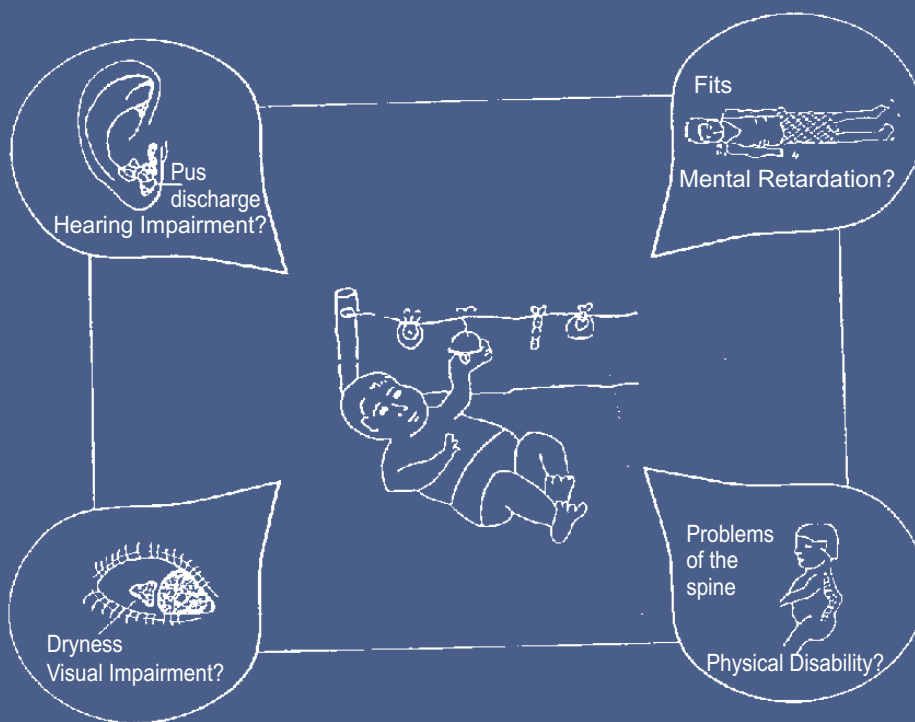


Early Detection of Disabilities & Persons with Disabilities in the Community

Guidebook-2



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- (iv) One foot hangs down weakly (Fig. 2.11) Yes/No
- (v) Can not walk holding body straight (Fig. 2.12) Yes/No
6. Does the child show uncontrolled, wriggly or sudden quick movements of feet, arms, hands of face muscles? Yes/No
7. Make the child sit on the bed. Ask the child to lift his right arm straight over the head, and then the left arm



Fig 2.11



Fig 2.12

Can lift
the arm



Cannot lift
the arm

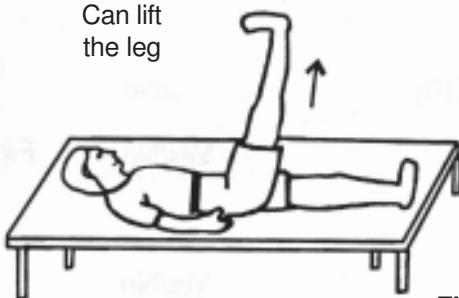


Fig 2.13

If the child cannot lift his arms at all, it indicates arms are paralysed. If he can do this only partly, then the muscles are weak (Fig. 2.13)

- (i) Are the arms paralysed? Yes/No
- (ii) Are the muscles weak? Yes/No
8. Make the child sit straight with legs hanging down. Ask her to lift her leg and touch your hand (Fig. 2.14)

Can lift
the leg



Cannot lift
the leg



Fig 2.14

See if child can do this? Mark the answer

- (i) Can do easily
- (ii) Can do with difficulty
- (iii) Cannot do

- Cerebral palsy.
- Brain damage caused due to head injury.
- Presence of foreign body in the ear (Fig. 3.1)

In three out of ten children, the cause of deafness is not known.

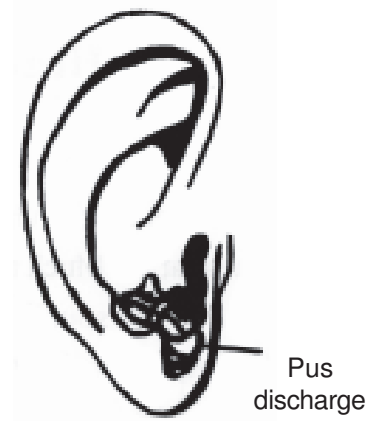


Fig 3.1

3.2 Prevention of Deafness

- During pregnancy, only take medicines which have been prescribed by the doctor.
- Immunize girls against rubella.
- Avoid exposure of mother to infectious diseases especially when pregnant.
- Have regular medical check-ups during pregnancy.
- Use of pointed objects like pencils and hair pins to clean ears can damage the ear drums.
- Prevent or treat common cold and ear infections immediately. When child has a cold, teach not to blow nose very hard.
- Vaccinate the baby against measles
- Use iodised salt
- Using home remedies like water and oil to clean ears can be very dangerous.
- While bathing the child, take special care that water does not go in the ears.
- Avoid being near very loud noises. When that is not possible, teach him to cover his ears or use ear plugs.
- Treat pain in ears/discharge from ears at the earliest. If not treated on time, it can lead to hearing loss. Get the complete treatment done for this as long as the doctor says, so that this problem does not recur again.
- While feeding adopt proper position of the baby.

3.3 Is Hearing Disability Curable?

Existing information on hearing disability confirms that it is curable. About 35% of hearing impairment occurs due to wax or foreign objects in ears, or disease and infection or some congenital abnormality in the ear which can be corrected with either medication or surgical intervention. Proper and timely medication or surgical intervention should be sought, failing which permanent deafness can result.

A very large number of children are congenitally deaf. Therefore, a need for early detection, diagnosis and rehabilitation of young children becomes very important.

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