

PRIMITIVE REFLEX Screening Questions

Common questions that would suggest retention of retained neonatal reflexes are:

	YES	NO
1 When you were pregnant did you have any medical problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Was your child delivered at term or early/late?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Was the birth process unusual in any way? (forceps, suction, C-section, induction, long, short)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Was your child small for term?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Were there any unusual physical signs? (jaundice, bruising, distorted skull)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Was there any difficulty feeding or keeping it down? Did your child easily feed off both breasts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Between 6 to 18 months was your child very active or demanding? Or particularly quiet and unresponsive?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Did your child develop a violent rocking motion when standing or sitting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Was your child a 'head-banger'?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Did your child start walking before 10 months or after 16 months?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Did your child bum shuffle or skip the cross crawling stage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Was your child late when learning to talk (2-3 words by 2 years)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 Did your child experience any serious illness or seizures in the first 18 months of life?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Was there any sign of eczema, asthma or allergies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Did your child have any adverse reactions to childhood vaccinations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 Did your child have difficulty learning to dress his / herself?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 Did your child suck their thumb past the age of 5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Did your child wet the bed regularly past the age of 5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 Does your child suffer from travel / motion sickness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 Did your child have trouble establishing hand dominance or crossing the midline with objects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AT SCHOOL

1 Did your child have problems learning to read and / or write in the early years at school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Did your child have difficulty telling the time on an analogue clock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Did they have difficulty riding a bicycle?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Did they suffer from recurrent sinus or ear infections or headaches?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Did they have difficulty catching a ball?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Did your child have 'ants in the pants'?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Did your child make numerous mistakes when copying from the board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Does your child occasionally miss letters or write them backwards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Does your child have an awkward pencil grip?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Has your child ever been diagnosed with any conditions such as Low Muscle Tone or ADHD?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 If there is sudden noise would your child over-react?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have answered yes to some or all of these questions then it is likely that further investigation from an RNR practitioner will reveal an immature central nervous system indicating the retention of some primitive reflexes.

These questions have been modified from 'Attention, Balance and Coordination: the ABC's of learning success' by Sally Goddard Blythe (2009).
Retained Neonatal Reflexes -Dr Susan Walker (Chiropractor). www.retainedneonatalreflexes.com.au

