

Developmental Screening of Preterms at an Early Stage Postpartum.

Abstract

Preterm infants are at high risk to develop neurological disorders. Therefore extensive follow-up programs with a combination of various instruments are needed for early detection of infants with major or minor developmental disorders and behavioral problems. The Newborn Individualized Developmental Care and Assessment Program (**NIDCAP**) is based on standardized observation protocols and provides a powerful method to assess behavior and brain development directly after birth, so can be used as an early screening instrument.