

## Teachers and Tutors

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### In association with:

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## Basic Course Outline

General movements are the most frequent motor pattern in the fetus and in the young infant. The aim of the course is to provide an introduction to Prechtl's Method of Qualitative Assessment of General Movements in young infants. This new assessment method has shown its merit for the prenatal and postnatal evaluation of the integrity of the nervous system. Compelling evidence is now available that qualitative assessment of General Movements (GM) at a very early age is the best predictor for cerebral palsy. This method has become a potent supplement to the traditional kind of neurological examination.

Main topics of lectures, demonstration and exercises are the ontogeny of spontaneous motor activity; normal and abnormal GMs from birth to 20 weeks post term; practical advice for recording and assessment of GMs; GMs

and follow up; individual developmental trajectories and their predictive power for later neurological impairments.

The advanced course is for those who have already attended a training course in Graz, Pisa or Modena and passed its final test.

The course fulfils the standards specified by the GMs Trust  
([www.general-movements-trust.info](http://www.general-movements-trust.info))

## Programme

The training will commence on Wednesday 30th June at 8.30am and finish on Friday 2nd July at 5pm. Lectures will alternate with exercises in small groups with videos prepared by the tutors.

## Main Topics

- Development of GMs in the preterm and post-term period
- Clinical importance of studying GMs
- Main abnormal features of GMs
- Practical advice for GMs assessment
- GMs and cerebral palsy

At the end of the course participants will be required to undertake a final test in order to receive a certificate of reliability in this method of assessment.

A certificate of attendance will be available to all participants at the end of the course.

## Course details

### Course fee: £600

Fee includes course teaching materials and morning and afternoon refreshments. Accommodation and lunch are not included. There are many cafes in close proximity to the teaching venue where it will be possible to buy lunch.

### The Venue for the course is:

UCLH Education Centre  
1st Floor  
250 Euston Road  
London NW1 2PG

Further details regarding travel and hotels in the area will be sent once your place has been confirmed. Please note places on these courses are strictly limited and early application is highly recommended. Once the courses are full no further applications can be accepted.

Payment should be made to **UCL Hospitals Charities 0924** and a cheque for the full amount sent with your application form will help secure your place.

## Application form

Title: Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

First name: .....

Surname: .....

Job title: .....

Contact address: .....

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Email: .....

Work number: .....

Mobile Number: .....

Basic Course: YES/NO

Advanced Course: YES/NO (If you are applying to attend the advanced course please give details of where and when you completed the basic course)

I am attaching a cheque for £600 made out to UCL Hospitals Charities 0924 YES/NO

Any Special Needs: .....

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**Please detach this section of the form and return it to:**

Mrs Gemma Birchenough, Neonatal PA  
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## Basic and advanced training courses

**30th June - 2nd July 2010  
(Wednesday to Friday)  
London**