

### **Possible associated difficulties with cerebral palsy**

- Secondary musculoskeletal problems and motor control
- Muscle spasms
- Problems with sleeping and sleep patterns
- Epilepsy (approx. one- third of children with cerebral palsy)
- Sensory impairment (e.g. hearing and vision)
- Spatial awareness and perception difficulties
- Drooling
- Swallowing disorders leading to nutrition and hydration issues
- Speech, language or feeding difficulties
- Bowel difficulties
- Sensory issues
- Breathing difficulties
- Growth issues
- Behavioural or psychological behaviours (inattention, anxiety, over activity)

(See: Abdel Rahman, 2011; Scope, 2011)