

Neuromuscular hip dislocation: the often silent problem

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Hip stability is paramount in the management of the child with the neuromuscular disorder. All too often the hips silently migrate and remain undetected until the hips are dislocated. The natural history of the migrating hip is well described and the clinical outcome can be detrimental to the child's daily functions.

Surveillance programmes for these children are controversial, as surgical interventions do not always predictably halt the progressing dislocation. They may however alter the natural history sufficiently to reduce the magnitude of surgical intervention.

One thing is certain, that hips are much more comfortable when they remain in joint. An algorithm for the management of the neuromuscular hip is presented.

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