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CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS · CEREBRAL PALSY

Functional Classification of Cerebral Palsy

Summary of the five-level GMFCS, MACS, CFCS, EDACS and VFCS (Level I = mildest, Level V = most severe)

Level	GMFCS Gross motor function	MACS Manual ability	CFCS Communication function	EDACS Eating and drinking ability	VFCS Visual function
I	Walks without limitations	Handles objects easily and successfully	Sends and receives with familiar and unfamiliar partners effectively and efficiently	Eats and drinks safely and efficiently	Uses visual function easily and successfully in vision-related activities
II	Walks with limitations	Handles most objects but with somewhat reduced quality and/or speed of achievement	Sends and receives with familiar and unfamiliar partners but may need extra time	Eats and drinks safely but with some limitations to efficiency	Uses visual function successfully but needs self-initiated compensatory strategies
III	Walks using a hand-held mobility device	Handles objects with difficulty; needs help to prepare and/or modify activities	Sends and receives with familiar partners effectively, but not with unfamiliar partners	Eats and drinks with some limitations to safety; there may be limitations to efficiency	Uses visual function but needs some adaptations
IV	Self-mobility with limitations; may use powered mobility	Handles a limited selection of easily managed objects in adapted situations	Inconsistently sends and/or receives even with familiar partners	Eats and drinks with significant limitations to safety	Uses visual function in very adapted environments but performs just part of vision-related activities
V	Transported in a manual wheelchair	Does not handle objects and has severely limited ability to perform even simple actions	Seldom effectively sends and receives, even with familiar partners	Unable to eat and drink safely; tube feeding may be considered to provide nutrition	Does not use visual function even in very adapted environments

Source: Baranello G, Signorini S, Tinelli F, et al. Visual Function Classification System for children with cerebral palsy: development and validation. *Dev Med Child Neurol*. 2020;62(1):104–110 (Table IV: general summary headings). Original systems: GMFCS, Palisano et al. 1997; MACS, Eliasson et al. 2006; CFCS, Hidecker et al. 2011; EDACS, Sellers et al. 2014; VFCS, Baranello et al. 2020. These are summary headings only: use the full descriptors of each system for classification. Reproduced with attribution and reformatted by the Pediatric Complex Care Platform; all rights remain with the original authors and publishers.