

Referring Problems

Sensory Integration, Praxis and Regulatory Difficulties

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Sensory hyper-responsive / defensive	Sensory under-responsiveness	Postural and motor difficulties	Poor planning and organisation
Cries to noises, holds hands over ears	Withdrawn, self-absorbed or seems lost	Low muscle tone, floppy, sluggish	Cries in new situations
Shields eyes to lights, poor eye contact	Slow to wake, lethargic	Head lag, weak neck muscle, needs to hold head up when sitting	Tolerates transitions poorly
Labile, especially in situations with lots of people, noise and movement	Excessive self-rocking, jumping, pounding or making sounds	Poor eye contact and head, neck and eye control	Repetitive behaviours
Eating and feeding difficulties, including being held or socialising while feeding	Stuffs mouth, poor chewing and swallowing with food, craves extreme tastes	Clumsy, uncoordinated	Poor initiation of gestures, finger or facial play
Easily stressed and difficult to console, withdraws from human comforting efforts	Seeks extreme sensations – even those that may be perceived as painful	Awkward positioning of body, doesn't self-correct	Immature play routines, limited play repertoire, only familiar scenarios
Picky eater, gags at sights and smell as well as taste	Crashes into people, objects, reckless behaviour	Can't sit still or stand still without leaning	Rigid, inflexible
Demonstrates fight, fright, flight or freeze behaviours	Self-stimulates on visual or motor actions	Can run and climb but can't learn ball skills	Shy, fearful, cautious
Gets wild with loud music, high energy, high affect	Responds well to high affect, high energy	Poor hand use for manipulating objects – may not use hands as tools	Difficulty following directions
Intolerant to smells	High pain tolerance	Delayed motor skill acquisition	Can't track time sequences
Refuses to walk on grass, sand and uncomfortable getting dirty or messy	Misses auditory or visual cues or other important features of the environment	Poorly coordinated use of two hands, or no preference	Poor construction