

Health Care Team

It can be very daunting when you have a baby with additional health needs especially as many people may become involved in the care of your child.

Below is a list of some of the doctors, therapists and other professionals you might come into contact with and who will be responsible for the management of your child's arthrogyrosis:

- A paediatric consultant – to generally oversee the healthcare received by babies and children. They will often make referrals to other specialists
- An orthopaedic consultant – to provide treatment for bony or skeletal problems
- A consultant neurologist – to identify and treat any problems of the nervous system
- A genetic counsellor or consultant geneticist – to help identify the type of arthrogyrosis and whether it is a genetic condition
- A physiotherapist – to provide treatment and advice to help increase joint and general mobility. They can also give you advice, for example, on lifting your child correctly
- An occupational therapist – to support you in helping your child manage daily tasks, such as dressing, washing and going to the toilet. They can also give advice on – and sometimes arrange for you to be supplied with – aids, equipment and adaptations to your home to make life easier and to promote your child's independence and mobility
- A health visitor – to suggest practical ways of coping with caring for your child and to give you information and advice on day-to-day problems
- A speech therapist – to help children who have speech, language or communication problems
- A child development centre or unit – to assess your child's developmental needs and organise therapy or services if appropriate.