# BIRTH INJURY

Birth injuries embody the worst fears of all expecting parents.

They can cause a child and their family pain, suffering and a lifetime of expensive medical care. Sadly, so many birth injuries are preventable. Let's look at some of the most common birth injuries, along with some statistics and potential causes of preventable birth injuries.



### **TYPES OF BIRTH INJURIES**

- + Fractures
- + Brain injuries or brain damage
- + Cerebral Palsy
- + Bleeding of or around the brain
- + Oxygen deprivation hypoxia
- + Shoulder trauma and brachial plexus injuries
- + Wrongful death

# BIRTH INJURY STATISTICS

28,000 birth injuries occur every year in the U.S.

There are 6 to 8 birth injuries per 1,000 births



of birth injuries are more likely

to occur in more remote areas than they are in metropolitan areas

50% of birth injuries are potentially

avoidable with recognition and anticipation of birth-related risk factors



+ Inattentive staff

+ Improper use of medical tools or equipment

- + Failure to perform necessary medical procedures
- + Medical equipment failure

IF YOUR BABY'S INJURIES WERE THE RESULT

OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE OR NEGLIGENCE...

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**RESOURCES:** 

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