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Re: New NIH-Funded Study: Perinatal Events and Cerebral Palsy

Dear Colleague:

More than 700 professionals from eight countries registered to attend our conference in November 2004 in San Diego, California. Those in attendance heard cutting-edge presentations by leading medical authorities from around the globe about perinatal events associated with cerebral palsy and mental retardation. We have an important development to share with you.

The National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development recently approved funding for one of our grant proposals. This unique project will link three California databases involving more than *five million births* (1991-2003) with a fourth California database containing the records of all children who have received Medi-Cal funded services and have been diagnosed as having *cerebral palsy* or other developmental disabilities.

This will be the largest population-based study of its kind in the United States. William M. Gilbert, M.D., Co-Director of the Center for Perinatal Medicine and Law and Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UC Davis Health System, will be the principal investigator.

It is our hope that the information gleaned from analyzing these linked databases will provide new insights into this subject. We will keep you informed as to our progress.

To learn more about the UC Davis Center for Perinatal Medicine and Law you can go to: <http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/obgyn/education/perinatallaw.html>

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