

UPPER LIMB INJURIES

Supporting information

What is the incidence of brachial plexus injury?

A prospective study in 30,574 births (Backe, 2008) identified 91 brachial plexus injuries. The incidence was 0.3% and the recovery rate 84%, resulting in 0.5 permanent injuries per 1,000 births. A 2014 study from the USA found that the incidence was 0.15% (Gherman, 2014).

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Gherman, R., Chauhan, S., Clark, S et al. Neonatal brachial plexus palsy. American College of Physicians and Gynecologists' Task Force on Neonatal Brachial Plexus Palsy; 2014

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