



CASE STUDY:

Jacob's Story

Jacob has been in hospital most of his life. He had to get a tracheotomy when he was 7 weeks old and required additional surgery to help him breathe. He was not able to get out to play on the floor until he was 4 months old, the lack of movement means his development is delayed.

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When lying down he prefers to keep his head to the left and the back of his head is flattened which is called plagiocephaly. His core is weak and he struggles to turn his head and move his arms and legs against gravity. Jacob also had talipes and both of his legs are in plaster making it difficult for him to move.

The Neo+ was introduced to assist Jacob by supporting him in a resting position of flexion so it is easier for him to move against gravity. He can also use the Neo+ lying on his side to help him reach out for toys and on his tummy to support him in this position.

Using the Neo+ allows Jacob to access his environment in a more age appropriate way whilst working on strengthening his muscles and teaching him how to move better.

You can see as soon as he is supported that he is able to turn his head towards midline, his shoulders are supported to allow him to reach for his toys and take his hand to his mouth. Jacob is immediately able to start to learn and explore whilst using his movements to strengthen his core.

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