

## FLOPPY FOOT: A CASE OF NEONATAL SCIATIC NERVE INJURY

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**Introduction:** Sciatic nerve injury in an adult is a common entity seen in orthopaedic practice however this is not the same for paediatric and neonatal counterparts. There is no prevalence of the of peripheral nerve injury other than small cohort of case reports recorded. Incomplete morrow is a common referral receive however lower limb limp is not. This case reports a neonate with a limp lower limb post delivery.

**Discussion:** The patient was discharge home with thermoplastic splint to address the left foot drop. Patient was seen in outpatient specialist clinic follow up with clinical recovery at 4 month post diagnosis and still being observed for any residual neurology as out patient.

**Conclusion:** Neonatal sciatic nerve injury is uncommon but can occur as a intrapartum complication for example extended breech in labour or even more post natally due to intramuscular injection administered in the gluteal region. The management usually follows those of peripheral nerve injury ie supervised neglect and intervene at point of maximal nerve recovery after establishing the diagnosis. However there are scarce local data that reports the incidence or prevalence of neonatal peripheral nerve injury that can be helpful in reference in future management of cases.