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# Health conditions, functioning and social outcomes in adults with cerebral palsy

This thesis comprised four studies aiming to explore the health, functioning and social outcomes in adults with cerebral palsy (CP). The oldest participants of the CP Register of western Sweden, born 1959-1978, formed the basis for the thesis. Data was collected from the CP Register, a follow-up assessment and from Statistics Sweden.

Compared to children with CP, those who survived to adulthood had a lower prevalence of impairments. Among the survivors, there was a decline in walking ability from childhood to adulthood, and an increase in individuals with intellectual disability and epilepsy. In adulthood, pain, gastrointestinal, respiratory, and psychiatric disorders were common, and social outcomes such as education, living arrangements, and employment differed greatly from the general population.



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