

WHAT IS A SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEED?

A condition requiring medical management, healthcare intervention, and/or use of specialized services or programs.

Health care for individuals with special needs requires attention, adaptation, and accommodative measures beyond what are considered routine.

- ❖ Physical limitations
- ❖ Mental limitations
- ❖ Heightened or decreases sensory attributes
- ❖ Behavioral, cognitive, or emotional impairment
- ❖ Caused by congenital, developmental, disease related, post trauma, or environmental factors.

CEREBRAL PALSY (4 OF 4)

- Considerations (cont'd)
 - Pad the patient to ensure comfort.
 - Never force extremities into position.
 - Whenever possible, take walkers or wheelchairs along during transport.
 - Be prepared for a seizure and keep suctioning available.

MECHANICAL VENTILATORS (1 OF 3)

- Used when patients cannot breathe without assistance
- Possible causes
 - Congenital defect
 - Chronic lung disease
 - Traumatic brain injury
 - Muscular dystrophy



VAGUS NERVE STIMULATORS (2 OF 2)

- Used in children older than 12 years
- Located under the patient's skin
- About the size of a silver dollar
- If you encounter a patient with this device, contact medical control or follow your local protocols.

