



What are brachial plexus injuries? The brachial plexus is a network of nerves that control the muscles of the shoulder, arm, elbow, wrist, hand and fingers. Injury to the brachial plexus can result in full to partial paralysis of one or both arms. Stretching, tearing or other trauma can cause this type of injury. Brachial plexus injuries can occur during the birthing process, or can be caused by automobile, motorcycle or boating accidents; sports injuries (“burners” or “stingers”); animal bites; gunshot or puncture wounds; as a result of specific medical treatments/procedures/surgeries; or due to viral diseases.



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The Silver Ribbon Campaign

The Silver Ribbon Campaign originated as a grassroots effort of members of the Our-Kids Mailing List (www.our-kids.org) to increase awareness and support of children with disabilities. The color silver was chosen for the ribbons to “represent the silver lining behind every cloud, and to show that our children are more than their disabilities.” With our own silver ribbon campaign we also recognize adults with brachial plexus injuries by addressing their “kid at heart.” We have added the symbol of a bell to our silver ribbon to distinguish our effort and to celebrate “ringing in awareness of brachial plexus injuries.”

