



Brachial Plexus Injury Awareness

SAMPLE COVER LETTER TO MATERNITY WARD NURSES *[for you to personalize]*

Dear [Name]:

The brachial plexus injury community is celebrating its Annual International Brachial Plexus Injury Awareness Week during the week of [date].

Our international community of individuals and families affected by brachial plexus injuries ask that you join us in our effort to expedite the evaluation of infants injured at birth (and others affected by traumatic brachial plexus injuries) by a brachial plexus injury specialist.

The enclosed materials address the most critical related aspects to:

- Educate parents about brachial plexus birth injuries;
- Review current guidelines and timelines for surgical intervention;
- Establish a protocol to disseminate treatment information to the individuals and families affected by a brachial plexus injury;
- Include a list of pediatric brachial plexus specialists and clinics in the information given to individuals or families, even those facilities that are out-of-state in cases of severe and permanent injuries;
- Refer the individual or family to a local brachial plexus birth injury support group to further his or her awareness of the injury.

Time is of the essence in treating this injury. Once this type of injury occurs it must be monitored by a brachial plexus specialist to optimize recovery and minimize residual effects. Immediate therapeutic intervention is critical while the injury is monitored for long term effects. A dearth of information about this injury precludes individuals and families from receiving timely information. With your invaluable assistance, we strive to disseminate up-to-date and critical information related to the treatment and care of brachial plexus injuries.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]