

The Brain Injury Responsiveness Program (BIR) at Bethany Children's Health Center is designed for children and teens with a recent brain injury and who are in an unresponsive or minimally responsive state. The BIR program provides medical and rehabilitative care, training, and family support in a patient-centered environment.

The BIR program focuses first on ensuring that your child is medically stable. If your child is experiencing symptoms like increased heart rate, tighter or looser muscles, or is "neuro-storming" (agitated and restless) the rehabilitation team will treat those issues first. When the team feels your child is ready, they may start different methods of measuring awareness and increasing stimulation.

Our team will also help you plan for discharge by coordinating equipment orders, scheduling follow-up appointments, and preparing for school re-entry or educational services. Most patients in the BIR program stay between 8-16 weeks.



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