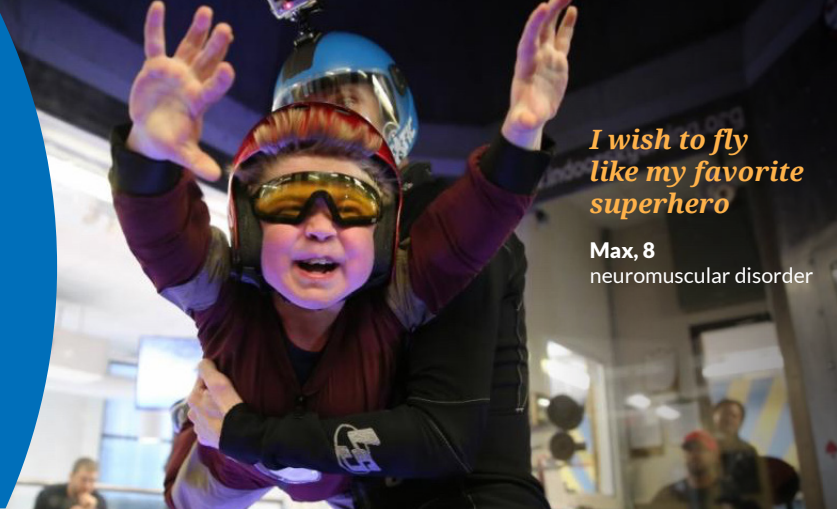


# NEUROLOGY & NEUROSURGERY

## Referral Guidance Sheet



*I wish to fly like my favorite superhero*

**Max, 8**  
neuromuscular disorder

### *To qualify for a wish, a child must meet these criteria at the time of referral:*

1. Older than 2½ years and under 18 years
2. Has not received a wish from another wish-granting organization
3. Diagnosed with a condition currently placing the child's life in jeopardy

### Usually qualifying Neurology conditions:

- Alpers disease
- Cerebral palsy with associated life-threatening complications
  - e.g., intractable seizures, respiratory failure
- Congenital neuromuscular disease with respiratory or cardiac complications including:
  - Myotonic muscular dystrophy
  - Duchenne muscular dystrophy
  - Spinal muscular atrophy types 1 and 2
- Epilepsy/uncontrolled seizures that are:
  - Intractable
  - Refractory
  - Treatment-resistant
- Familial dysautonomia (Riley-Day)
- Friedreich's ataxia
- Huntington's disease
- Leigh syndrome
- Lennox-Gastaut syndrome that is:
  - Intractable
  - Treatment-resistant
- Leukodystrophy
- Moyamoya disease
- Neurodegenerative disease with significantly shortened life expectancy
- Neuronal brain iron accumulation (NBIA)
- Progressive cerebrovascular disease (e.g., stroke) with ongoing life-threatening complications
- Profound neurodevelopmental delay with associated life-threatening comorbidities requiring significant and ongoing life-sustaining medical support
- Rett syndrome
- Tuberous sclerosis, involving the brain or spinal cord

### *Other conditions that may be eligible for a wish with complicating comorbidities:*

- Arhinencephaly
- Encephalopathy
- Hydrocephalus
- Megalencephaly
- Myopathy
- Neurofibromatosis
- Spina bifida
- Many other conditions not listed

