

IAP - IJPP CME 2021**DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF A
10 MONTHS OLD INFANT*****Somasundaram A**

Abstract: *Development of a child is assessed in office practice by simple observation. The way a child plays, learns, speaks, acts and moves offers important clues about the child's development. Developmental milestones are the skills acquired by a growing child at appropriate ages. Even a normal child without any risk factors, who is expected to follow a normal path, should undergo periodic developmental screening. In the absence of established risk factors or parental or provider concerns, a general developmental screen is recommended at 9-18 and 30-month visits. A ten-month old will usually enjoy his new found freedom through an exploration drive and hand-eye coordination which will help him to grasp the objects quickly. The child displays social abilities and emotional temperament and also understands the importance of the social gesture of waving bye-bye. It can imitate basic actions and also displays separation anxiety.*

Keywords: *Developmental assessment, Milestones, Pincer grasp, Object permanence.*

Points to Remember

- *Developmental problems are the “new morbidity in childhood”.*
- *Developmental screening should be part of a routine pediatric practice.*
- *Attainment of mobility from 9 months onwards helps the child to explore*
- *Object permanence, pincer grasp and vocalising bi syllables are the few milestones which develop at 10 months.*
- *Early identification of red flags and timely referral helps in early intervention.*

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