



NEW! Designed For Early Intervention

TheraTogs Launches Wunzi™ Infant Systems Because “BABIES CAN’T WAIT”



“Let’s just wait and see...”

Many worried parents of infants with low muscle tone and delays in motor development often hear reassurances like these from physicians and pediatricians - and still can’t shake their concerns.

As it turns out, they are often right. Some infants don’t get the postural and motor development help they need, when they most need it - and face even bigger challenges as they get older.

Seeing this chain of events at work, the product development team at TheraTogs, Inc. decided to do something about it - and set out to create the Wunzi, a TheraTogs system unlike any other.

Addressing Infant Needs

TheraTogs inventor Beverly (Billi) Cusick, PT, MS, COF, tracking recent developments in neuromotor sciences, recently highlighted three urgent needs for infants with developmental deficits:

- Optimizing sensory input and body awareness;
- Establishing strong core alignment and postural control;
- Engaging in “massed practice” of optimized performance to gain improved function.

“Babies learn what they feel and experience,” noted Cusick, an established author, instructor, and pediatric physical therapist with 40 years’ experience and a global reputation. “Babies with sensory and motor issues can’t wait for their difficulties and deficits to become so obvious that pathomechanical strategies and habits are established.

“The pediatric therapy community knows how important it is to provide very early postural and neuromotor training before compensatory movements and related joint deformities develop. They just need an effective way to help make that training happen.”



*TheraTogs inventor
Beverly Cusick, PT, MS, COF*

A Customer-Driven Solution

So when our clinician customers and their clients asked TheraTogs to produce a simpler garment set for infants, we listened - and we’re proud now to launch the results: **TheraTogs’ new Wunzi Infant Systems.**

Designed with input from a team of experienced clinicians and field testers, the Wunzi makes it easier for caretakers to deliver the essential fundamentals of clear sensory input and gentle body alignment assistance. Caregivers can use the Wunzi to help guide the early course of acquiring balance and movement skills - at home, during normal daily activities.

The TheraTogs Wunzi System is the only orthotic garment and strapping system made specifically for infants and their caretakers.

Available in five sizes for children of ages 0 to 24 months, the Wunzi Infant System provides day-long support of sensorimotor therapy programs when it is most needed - during the infant's critical early development.

Easy by Design

The Wunzi garment is simple to use and easy to dress on the child for these reasons:

- **Familiar design:** The Wunzi mimics the “onesie” clothing design familiar to most caregivers - so no training is required.
- **No buttons, no snaps, no zippers:** We've embedded Velcro® hook into the foam underside of the main garment piece to provide instant closure and easy adjustments for a snug fit. No loose garment closure tabs are needed.
- **Simplicity:** The basic Wunzi system comes with three components - the garment front and back panels and one elasticized cross strap for extra postural support if needed.

The basic Wunzi System can be expanded to include limbs. The supplemental Wunzi Limb Kit, sold separately, is offered for infants and toddlers needing limb-positioning cuffs and straps that promote age-appropriate limb alignment and function.

Why Babies Can't Wait!

“As children age,” said Cusick, “three things happen: they build a brain map of the movement habits they've practiced; they establish neuromotor strategies to maintain their balance and hand control; and they grow bone and muscle features according to the forces these strategies generate - whether or not these strategies and brain map are functionally effective.”

“For obvious reasons, the earlier we can intervene, to inform and to guide those developmental processes for children with hypotonia or movement disorders, the more effective their balancing and moving habits can become. TheraTogs were invented to deliver those essentials to the wearer for ‘live-it, learn-it’ practice between therapy sessions.”



“Ten years ago, all I could do was ‘teach, show and hope’,” Cusick said. “*Teach* caretakers the rehab basics, *show* them how to handle and position their children therapeutically, and then *hope* that they would remember and implement my training at home. Even with the best of compliance, none of my clients experienced day-long torso support or massed practice.”

“With TheraTogs, I teach the caregiver to don the undergarments confidently, and then to apply a few straps that deliver several hours of wearable therapy every day at a minimal cost.”

eSpecial Needs: Partner for Success

eSpecial Needs began offering TheraTogs in 2010 and quickly became one of the top distributors in the US.

“eSpecial Needs is a perfect fit for us,” noted TheraTogs CEO Lee Taylor.

“Founded by caregivers determined to broaden choices for the special needs community, the company brings a caregiver-centric perspective to the table that is unique. We're very pleased to have the eSpecial Needs team representing TheraTogs, especially to the early intervention community.”

Innovation Never Stops

According to Taylor, continued innovation has been a key factor in the growing use of TheraTogs worldwide. “We constantly look for ways to make TheraTogs systems friendlier and easier to use,” Taylor said, “even as we push for better materials and manufacturing improvements. The new Wunzi, for example, has embedded closure tabs and a simple-to-use design - features driven by customer input.”

About TheraTogs, Inc.

TheraTogs orthotic undergarment and strapping systems are made from the company’s patented and proprietary GoldTone™ material. GoldTone is a durable, machine-washable, Velcro®-sensitive stretch textile lined with a cozy foam that gently grips the skin. GoldTone is specifically calibrated to handle the stresses of full-body neuromotor retraining. The material is comfortable and breathable. Most TheraTogs systems are worn under normal clothing.

The external “fascia and muscles” of the TheraTogs system is provided by the unique TogRite™ stretch-and-grip strapping.

The full range of TheraTogs ULTRA products - offered in infant, pediatric, and adolescent sizes - is available from ESpecialNeeds.com.