

Cumulative Risk Clinic)

Purpose: Cumulative Risk Diagnostic Clinic (CRDC) is a specialized collaborative and consultative clinic that provides diagnostic and functional assessment, interprofessional case consultation and treatment recommendations for children and youth with complex developmental and behavioral profiles in the context of multiple etiologic risk. The clinical mandate does not include ongoing case management and treatment but seeks to support referring clinicians with longitudinal community care.

Referrals accepted from:

Pediatricians

Pediatric Specialists/Subspecialists (e.g., Child Psychiatrists)

Inclusion criteria:

- Referrals must have a clear developmental question, the need for high level case review for diagnostic integration service, intervention planning, and service coordination.
- The patient must present with evidence of 2 or more of the following documented prenatal or postnatal adverse exposures known to have significant negative effects on developmental outcomes (please refer to page 3 for accompanying definitions):
 - Prenatal Alcohol Exposure
 - Other Teratogenic Exposure
 - Prenatal or Postnatal Toxic Stress Exposure
 - Child and Family Service Involvement including involvement with Delegated First Nation Agencies
 - Other Medical Factors known to cause negative child outcomes as documented by the referring physician (e.g., other genetic conditions, significant familial learning or mental health difficulties, or other important chronic health conditions).
- The patient must present with a complex developmental and behavioral profile with moderate-severe functional deficits, supported by documentation in both of the following areas:
 - Cognition, Academics, Communication, Adaptive Skills or Motor Skills (must present with at least ONE)
 - AND
 - Socialization, Emotional/Behavioral Regulation, or Attachment (must present with at least ONE)
- The patient must be 0–17 years of age at the time of referral. Please note, children must be 7 years of age at the time of referral to be considered for an FASD query.
- The patient must live within the geographic area served by Alberta Health Services (AHS).

Exclusion criteria:

- The referral is a request for treatment by allied health professionals (Psychology, Speech and Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Social Worker, Educational Consultant).
- The referral is a request for an isolated query regarding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD), Learning Disability (LD), or Mental Health condition.

- The referral is a request for acute and severe mental health or behavior presentation necessitating urgent services such as hospitalization.
- For children aged birth to 6 years, developmental and/or behavioral needs must be addressed by community resources first, including Early Childhood Rehabilitation (ECR), Program Unit Funding (PUF), and Collaborative Mental Health, etc. Additionally, the child should receive a thorough pediatric evaluation from a community pediatrician.