

Consultative Clinic in Developmental Pediatrics – Complex Medical/Genetic

This clinic sees children ages 0-17 years for developmental consultation in the context of complex medical needs including identified or suspected genetic disorders. Patients may be seen for consultation regarding specific diagnostic questions and/or medical management of developmental disorders. Appointment type will be determined based on the specific diagnostic or management question and may be limited to an in-person or virtual consultation with a Developmental Pediatrician. Multidisciplinary allied health professionals may be included in the consultation when the expertise is not available in the child's primary ACH clinic and/or community team. The goal is for the consultant to join the child's primary team regarding a developmental question or to provide a medical opinion regarding diagnosis or management. The purpose is not to assume primary care or treatment.

Referrals are accepted from:

- ACH subspecialty clinics
- Community pediatricians
- Medical genetics clinic (may be redirected from genetics intake)

Inclusion criteria:

1. Specific question regarding diagnosis or management of developmental disorders in patients with complex medical conditions and/or genetic syndromes. (Note that referrals requesting assessment for Autism Spectrum Disorder should be directed to the ASD diagnostic stream.)
or
2. Review of developmental trajectory in patients with identified genetic conditions including:
 - a. Patients with confirmed genetic syndrome not following expected trajectory
 - b. Patients with new diagnosis of genetic disorder that has developmental implicationsor
3. Questions regarding etiology in patients with confirmed developmental disorders including:
 - a. Severe Global Developmental Delay or confirmed Intellectual Disability
 - b. Autism Spectrum Disorder(Note that referrals for Next Generation Sequencing should be directed to Medical Genetics.)

Patients must have ongoing involvement with an ACH tertiary clinic or community pediatric clinic.

Exclusion Criteria

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1. Referrals for the primary purpose of access to community or school-based resources. Families may wish to access the Family & Community Resource Center at the Alberta Children's Hospital.
2. Referrals for the diagnosis of isolated ADHD or learning disability.
3. Primary mental health issue or isolated behavioral disorder should be directed to Access Mental Health
4. Specific request for assessment or treatment by an individual allied health professional (psychology, speech language pathology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, social work, education consultation).

Urgent Criteria

Referral regarding developmental regression (loss of previously attained skills) should be marked urgent. If available, referral should include past documentation or video of baseline skill against which regression can be demonstrated.