

Consultative Clinic in Attention, Inhibition and Executive Functioning

Clinic Summary:

This Clinic sees children aged 0 to 17 years (at time of referral) with complex medical needs (neurologic illness or injury, systemic disease or other neurodevelopmental disorders) that require consultation for specific diagnostic assessment and/or management of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or impairments in executive functioning. Consultation may be limited to Developmental Pediatrician or may involve other allied health professionals. Multidisciplinary colleagues may be included in the consultation if needed to support evaluation or management of medical and/or developmental concerns. The goal is for the CDS consultant(s) to join the “home team” or primary community pediatric clinic to coordinate diagnosis, formulate management plan and attempt to stabilize treatment with ongoing care returning to the medical home.

To access the services at this clinic, please complete the Consultative Diagnostic Clinic Referral Form found on the Alberta Referral Directory.

Referrals are accepted from:

- ACH Clinics and physicians
- Community pediatricians and sub-specialty pediatric physicians
- Family physicians

Inclusion Criteria:

Referral for consideration of ADHD, deficits in behavioural inhibition or impulsivity in medically or developmentally complex children such as:

- Children with neurologic illness and injury (e.g. congenital brain malformations, inflammatory or autoimmune disease, epilepsy, moderate to severe traumatic brain injury, stroke or epilepsy)
- Children with neurodevelopmental disorders (e.g. ASD, FSCD etc.)
- Children with chronic multi-system disease (e.g. genetic syndromes, systemic vasculitis)
- Children with confirmed diagnosis of intellectual disability with documentation attached

Exclusion Criteria:

- Children without complicating medical or neurodevelopmental considerations. Treatment refractory ADHD in otherwise well children should be referred to the

Treatment Resistant Attention Deficit Disorder Clinic through ACCESS Mental Health at the Richmond Road Diagnostic and Treatment Centre.

- Children with mild traumatic brain injury, primary headache syndromes or isolated learning disabilities.
- Referral for diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (refer to Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnostic Clinic)
- Primary mental health issue (refer to ACCESS Mental Health)
- A specific request for an allied health assessment (Psychology, Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Social Work or Education)
- Children over 18 years of age

Urgent Criteria:

Referrals regarding **developmental regression** or **acute deterioration in functioning** should be marked urgent. Please indicate on the referral if it is urgent and provide a reason.