

Consultative Clinic in Developmental Pediatrics

This clinic sees children ages 0 – 17 years (at the time of referral), with complex medical needs that require consultation for specific diagnostic questions and/or medical management of developmental disorders. Consultation may be limited to Child Development Services Developmental Pediatricians. Multidisciplinary colleagues may be included in the consultation when the expertise is not available in the child's primary ACH clinic and/or school team. The goal is for the CDS consultant(s) to join the "home team" or primary community pediatric clinic regarding a developmental question and/or to provide medical opinion regarding diagnosis or management. The purpose is not to assume primary care or treatment.

Dependent on the presenting need, a phone consultation with the referring physician or an in- person appointment may be arranged. Accepted referrals do not guarantee a face to face appointment.

Referrals are accepted from:

- Community Pediatricians
- ACH Subspecialists
- Family Physicians

Inclusion Criteria:

- Requests for opinion/recommendations regarding management of developmental disorders in patients with complex medical conditions. This may include but is not limited to chronic medical conditions, visual impairments , genetic syndromes
- Patient with a known developmental disorder and questions regarding medication management issues.
- Patient with behavioural issues with suspected underlying developmental disorder which may be causing the symptoms
- Ongoing involvement with an ACH tertiary clinic or community pediatric clinic or family medical practise.

Exclusion criteria:

- Children with known syndromes or medical conditions following a usual or anticipated developmental trajectory.
- Referrals for the primary purpose of providing 1:1 discussions with parents regarding the developmental trajectory of their child's syndrome or medical condition.
- Referral for diagnosis of isolated ADHD or learning disability.
- Referral for diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder will be redirected to ASD Clinic.

- Primary mental health issue or isolated behavioural disorder (should be directed to Access Mental Health).
- A specific request for an allied health assessment (Psychology, Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Social Work, Education).
- Request for treatment by allied health professionals.

Referral sources are requested to attach the following documents:

- Identify professionals currently involved with the child.
- Submit past multidisciplinary assessment reports.

Urgent Criteria:

Referral regarding **developmental regression** should be marked urgent. If available, referral should include past documentation or video of baseline skill against which regression can be demonstrated.

Please Complete:

Consultative Diagnostic Clinic Referral Form found on the Alberta Referral Directory.

Contact Information:

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