

Developmental Neurology Clinic

The Developmental Neurology Clinic is a consultative clinic that provides neurological assessments for children 0-17 years of age. The clinic focuses on the investigation and diagnoses of potential neurological disorders. Treatment and therapy recommendations may be provided; however, the clinic does not provide chronic care. In some cases, treatment may be offered in conjunction with specialized clinics at the Alberta Children's Hospital, or within the community in conjunction with the referring doctor.

To access the services at this clinic please complete the Consultative Diagnostic Clinic Referral Form.

Referrals are accepted from:

Child Development Services Physicians
ACH Clinic Sub-specialists
Community Pediatricians
Allied Health Professionals

Inclusion Criteria:

Children 0-17 years of age with:

- atypical findings on a neurological exam (e.g. low tone, focal neurological signs, upper motor neuron signs, query Cerebral Palsy)
- neurological delays and who are not progressing as expected with neuro-rehabilitation e.g. 9 month old not yet sitting despite early intervention
- loss of skills or regression (not ASD)
- motor delays where neurodevelopmental expertise is required
- a known or chronic medical condition (including ASD, genetic syndrome) with comorbid neurological concerns
- paroxysmal events of suspected neurologic etiology (e.g. abnormal movements, unresponsive episodes)

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Exclusion Criteria:

- Youth 18 years of age or older
- Confirmed seizures/epilepsy. The developmental neurology clinic will assess patients with paroxysmal events, including query seizure events in children with atypical neurodevelopment; however any patients with confirmed epilepsy or clinical presentation highly suspicious for epilepsy should be referred to ACH Neurology clinics
- Syncope
- Tics/Tourette Syndrome
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) assessments. Any child requiring assessment for ASD should be referred to the Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnostic Clinic
- Management/follow-up for children with cerebral palsy or spasticity
- No specific diagnostic question is provided
- Patients being actively followed by other ACH Neurologists

If clarification is required contact: clinic nurse at the Developmental Neurology Clinic for clarification.