

### Neurodevelopmental Attention Clinic – Dr. Kara Murias

**Purpose:** This clinic sees children aged 0 to 17 years 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 ADHD or impairments in executive functioning. The goal is for the Developmental physician to consult and make recommendations to the “home team” or primary community pediatric clinic to coordinate diagnoses, formulate management plan and attempt to stabilize treatment with ongoing care returning to the medical home.

**Referrals accepted from:**

Community Pediatricians  
ACH Clinics and Physicians

**Inclusion criteria:**

Referral for consideration of attention deficits, 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, FASD)
- Children with chronic multi-system disease (e.g., genetic syndromes, systemic vasculitis)
- Children with confirmed diagnosis of intellectual disability with documentation

**Exclusion criteria:**

- Children without complicating medical or neurodevelopmental considerations. Treatment refractory ADHD in otherwise healthy children should be referred to the Complex Attention Treatment Team (CATT) 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 issues (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.