

## **Paediatric Oncology Neuro-Developmental Follow-Up Clinic (POND)**

The Paediatric Oncology Neuro-Developmental (POND) Follow-Up clinic is a consultative clinic that provides diagnosis, treatment, and advocacy of the neuro-developmental related issues affecting paediatric oncology survivors at the Alberta Children's Hospital (ACH). The clinic works in close communication with the paediatric oncology survivor clinics at ACH to ensure patients' neuro-developmental needs are fully supported in the context of all their other short and long term oncology related follow-up needs.

Patients must have a community paediatrician in place who is actively involved in the patient's care. The purpose of the POND clinic is not to assume primary care but to provide a consultative service.

### **Referrals are accepted from:**

ACH General Oncology Clinics  
ACH Short-term Oncology Follow-up Clinic  
ACH Long-term Oncology Follow-up Clinic  
Community Paediatricians

### **Inclusion Criteria:**

Children 0-17 years of age who were diagnosed with cancer during childhood, underwent at least one of the following: chemotherapy, brain surgery, radiation or prolonged/complicated hospitalization and have at least one of the following:

- A specific diagnostic question such as, but not limited to, the presence of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Global Developmental Delay, motor delays, sensory concerns, Intellectual Disability, behavioural concerns or mental health/psychiatric concerns
- Pharmacological treatment is required due to significant impact in mental functioning which may require medication in addition to other supports
- A need for advocacy to access community and school resources such as increased educational support for developmental concerns, school placement support or school behavioural support
- A need for advocacy and access to resources for transition to adulthood in an individual with the IQ less than 75 or exceptional care needs

**Exclusion Criteria:**

- Youth 18 years of age or older
- No community pediatrician for ongoing care has been determined.

**Referral sources are requested to attach the following documentation:**

- Identity and degree of involvement of any professionals and supports currently involved with the child/family
- All community/school-based assessment reports including Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech Language Pathology reports
- Psychoeducational Assessments or Neuropsychology Assessments (if not done at ACH)

**Urgent Criteria:**

- Significant behaviour concerns resulting in compromised safety for child and others at home or school that require immediate medical treatment and support
- Suspicion of developmental regression and loss of previously gained skills

**Please complete:** Consultative Diagnostic Clinic Referral Form found on the Alberta Referral Directory

**Contact Information:** Child Development Services  
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