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**CDS Complex Attention Consultative Clinic**

Dear Physician,

This letter is to inform you of a new clinic that is being developed under the Consultative Clinic in Developmental Pediatrics within Child Development Services at the Alberta Children’s Hospital/Child Development Centre. http://fcrc.albertahealthservices.ca/professional/cds/

This clinic sees children with complex medical needs (i.e. children with neurologic, illness or injury, systemic disease, or other neurodevelopmental disorders) that require consultation for specific diagnostic assessment, and/or medical management of, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), behavioural dysregulation, and/or impulsivity. Consultation may be limited to physician or may involve other allied health professionals. Multidisciplinary colleagues may be included if needed to support evaluation, or management of medical and developmental concerns. The goal is for the CDS consultant to join the “home team” or primary community pediatric clinic to coordinate diagnosis, formulate management plan, and attempt to stabilize function when possible, with ongoing care by medical home.

Referrals are accepted from:

* ACH Clinics and physicians
* Community Pediatricians and subspecialty pediatric physicians
* Family Physicians

*Inclusion Criteria:*

1. Referral for consideration of ADHD, deficits in behavioural inhibition, or impulsivity in medically or developmentally complex children
   * + This would include children with neurologic illness and injury (e.g. congenital brain malformations, inflammatory or autoimmune disease, epilepsy, moderate to severe traumatic brain injury, stroke, epilepsy); children with neurodevelopmental disorders (ASD and FASD); and children with chronic multi-system disease (e.g. genetic syndromes, systemic vasculitis).
     + This would not include children with mild traumatic brain injury, primary headache syndromes, or isolated learning disabilities.
     + Children with intellectual disability will be seen but documentation confirming diagnosis of ID must be provided.

*Exclusion criteria:*

1. Age over 18 years.
2. 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 Mental Health at Richmond Road Diagnostic and Treatment Centre.
3. Referral for diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (should be referred to ASD stream).
4. Primary mental health issue (should be directed to Access Mental Health).
5. A specific request for assessment or treatment by allied health professionals (Psychology, Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Social Work, Education).

**Urgent Criteria:**

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

Please see attached referral form. Please provide any available previous assessments, available multidisciplinary reports, or school information with referral.

Thank you for your time and collegiality,

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