

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PEDIATRIC SWALLOWING SERVICE PROVIDERS**

LOCATION	CENTRE / AGENCY COORDINATES AND CONTACT INFORMATION	SERVICES AND MANDATE AVERAGE WAIT TIMES	SERVICES AND PROGRAM TEAM MEMBERS	REFERRAL PROCESS AND REFERRAL FORMS
<p>Regions: - BC (all health authorities)</p>	<p><u>Centre / Agency</u> BC Children’s Hospital Swallowing Clinic</p> <p><u>Address</u> 4480 Oak Street Vancouver, BC V6H 3V4</p> <p><u>Contact person</u> - Lauren Hershfield, OT - Soleina Karamali, RD</p> <p><u>Contact information</u> Phone: (604) 875-2123 Fax: (604) 875-3220 Email: Lauren.Hershfield@cw.bc.ca Soleina.Karamali@cw.bc.ca</p> <p><u>Website</u> <a href="http://www.bcchildrens.ca/our-services/clinics/feeding-swallowing">http://www.bcchildrens.ca/our-services/clinics/feeding-swallowing</a></p>	<p><u>Ages</u> - 0 to 18 years</p> <p><u>Mandate</u> - Children who are developing normally or have medical issues requiring follow-up by specialty services at BCCH, and who are at risk for swallowing difficulties or aspiration.</p> <p><u>Average waitlist times</u> - Waitlist times can vary depending on the number of referrals received.</p>	<p><u>Services / Programs</u> - Outpatients only - One-time consultation service. - Consultation includes a feeding history, a nutrition assessment, an oral motor evaluation, and other assessments (such as a videofluoroscopy swallowing study) as appropriate. o <i>Note: To assess swallowing ability with solids, the child must reliably take a minimum of a ½ to 1 teaspoon sized bolus.</i></p> <p><u>Team consists of:</u> - Occupational therapist - Dietitian</p>	<p><u>Referral form</u> - The referral form is required and available from the <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p><u>Referral process</u> - A detailed referral by a physician or a nurse practitioner is required and must include a radiology requisition for a videofluoroscopy feeding study. - <b>For children under 2 years of age, an upper GI is required prior to a VFFS; also include a radiology requisition for an UGI if the child has not had an UGI in the past.</b> - Fax referrals to (604) 875-3244.</p>