

BRITISH COLUMBIA PEDIATRIC SWALLOWING SERVICE PROVIDERS

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<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> http://www.bcchildrens.ca/our-services/clinics/feeding-swallowing</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 website.</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. - 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. - Fax referrals to (604) 875-3244.</p>

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<p>Regions: - BC (all health authorities)</p>	<p><u>Centre / Agency:</u> Sunny Hill Health Centre, at BC Children’s Hospital</p> <p><u>Address</u> 4500 Oak Street Vancouver, BC V6H 3V4</p> <p><u>Contact person</u> - Feeding coordinator: Carolyn Chowne - Team leader / Neuromotor medical director: Dr. Ram Mishaal</p> <p><u>Contact information</u> Phone: (604) 875-2345, local 458348 Fax: (604) 453-8321 Email: cchowne@cw.bc.ca</p> <p><u>Website</u> http://www.bcchildrens.ca/our-services/sunny-hill-health-centre/our-services/feeding-nutrition</p>	<p><u>Ages</u> - 0 to 19 years</p> <p><u>Mandate</u> - Provide multidisciplinary assessment for children with a developmental disability and feeding concerns related to an oral motor or pharyngeal dysfunction. The focus is on swallowing safety. - Assessment for feeding difficulties related primarily to an underlying behavioral issue, mental health issue, or oral-sensory issues are out of this clinic’s scope of practice.</p> <p><u>Booking Information</u> - Two-day assessments take place at SHHC and BCCH. - When possible, attempts will be made to coordinate feeding appointments with other appointments for families traveling from outside the lower mainland (minimum of 6 weeks’ notice is generally required).</p>	<p><u>Services / Programs</u> - Primarily one-time consultation service that provides comprehensive evaluation of feeding and swallowing problems. - Consultation includes a health review, a nutrition assessment, an oral motor evaluation, and other assessments (such as videofluoroscopic swallowing study) as appropriate. - An oral-motor assessment / eating evaluation is conducted first to determine if a videofluoroscopy swallowing study (VFSS) is warranted to assess swallowing function. - An Upper GI is required for all children under the age of two years that undergo VFSS. The SHHC Feeding Team will coordinate this as part of the assessment. - A detailed report of assessment findings and recommendations will be sent to the referring physician and to the family. - Custom nutrition appointments may also be arranged for children requiring nutrition only. - Post-op G-tube set-up and training (inpatient admission) can also be provided (requires coordination with BCCH). - Services are typically provided on an outpatient basis at SHHC. However, on request, it may be possible to arrange feeding team assessments during a SHHC inpatient stay or occasionally through SHHC’s Outreach Program or Telehealth. - Role also includes acting as resource to community, providing education and supporting research.</p> <p><u>Team may consist of:</u> - Speech language pathologist - Occupational therapist - Dietitian - Developmental Pediatrician - Nurse clinician - Social work</p>	<p><u>Referral form</u> - The referral form is required and available from the website. - Fax referrals to (604) 453-8321, ATTN: Feeding Team. - Mail referrals to SHHC, ATTN: Feeding Team.</p> <p><u>Referral process</u> - A detailed referral by a pediatrician is required. - Pertinent medical information regarding complex feeding and swallowing difficulties, and growth charts are required. - If community supports are involved, the pediatrician and community supports must be aware and in agreement with the referral to SHHC Feeding Team. - The family will be contacted during the intake process. The community supports will also be contacted with family consent. If appropriate, referrals may be redirected to community resources.</p>

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Regions: - Central Okanagan - North and South Okanagan, and Kootenays if patient can travel to Kelowna	<u>Centre / Agency</u> Kelowna General Hospital Mobile Swallowing Clinic <u>Address</u> 2268 Pandosy Street Kelowna, BC V1Y 1T2 <u>Contact person</u> - Program leader / Professional practice coordinator: Nicole Desjarlais <u>Contact information</u> Phone: (250) 862-4240 Fax: (250) 862-4207 Email: Nicole.Desjarlais@interiorhealth.ca <u>Website</u> N/A	<u>Ages</u> - 0 to 19 years <u>Mandate</u> - Community assessment and treatment for infants, children and youth with feeding and swallowing difficulties. - Videofluoroscopy Swallowing Studies are completed at Kelowna General Hospital <u>Average waitlist times</u> - 1 to 2 weeks	<u>Services / Programs</u> - Feeding assessments, including Videofluoroscopy Study, and treatment. <u>Team may consist of:</u> - Speech language pathologist	<u>Referral form</u> - N/A <u>Referral process</u> - A detailed referral by a physician is required. - Include all pertinent medical information, a feeding history and a VFSS radiology requisition - Fax referrals to (250) 862-4207.

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<p>Regions: - Vancouver Island</p>	<p><u>Centre / Agency</u> Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Service – Queen Alexandra Center for Children’s Health Vancouver Island Health Authority</p> <p><u>Address</u> 2400 Arbutus Road Victoria, BC V8N 1V7</p> <p><u>Contact person</u> - Program coordinator: Christine White, SLP</p> <p><u>Contact information</u> Phone: (250) 519-6917 Fax: (250) 519-6937 Email: christine.white@viha.ca</p> <p><u>Website</u> https://www.islandhealth.ca/our-services/children-youth-rehabilitation-services/pediatric-feeding-swallowing-clinic</p>	<p><u>Ages</u> - 0 to 19 years</p> <p><u>Mandate</u> - Assessment, consultation and program planning for infant, children and youth living on Vancouver Island with feeding and swallowing difficulties.</p> <p><u>Average waitlist times</u> - Wait times can vary</p>	<p><u>Services / Programs</u> - The Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Service (PFSS) is a cross program service offered by the Queen Alexandra Centre For Children’s Health. - Assessment, Videofluoroscopy Swallowing Studies, consultation, program planning, tube feeding services and the Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Clinic are all part of the PFSS.</p> <p><u>Team may consist of:</u> - Occupational therapist - Speech-language pathologist - Dietitian - Physician</p>	<p><u>Referral form</u> - The referral form is required and available from the website.</p> <p><u>Referral process</u> - Contact Child and Family Rehabilitation Services Intake at (250) 519-6763 or (250) 519-6967.</p>