

BRITISH COLUMBIA PEDIATRIC FEEDING SERVICE PROVIDERS

PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS

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| <p>Regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BC (all health authorities) | <p><u>Centre / Agency</u> BC Children’s Hospital Complex Feeding and Nutrition Service</p> <p><u>Address</u> 4480 Oak Street Vancouver, BC V6H 3V4</p> <p><u>Contact person</u> - Coordinator: Debby S Martins, RD</p> <p><u>Contact information</u> Phone: (604) 875-2345, local 5886 Fax: (604) 875-3244 Email: cfns@cw.bc.ca</p> <p><u>Website</u> http://www.bcchildrens.ca/our-services/clinics/complex-feeding-nutrition</p> | <p><u>Ages</u> - 0 to 18 years</p> <p><u>Mandate</u> - Outpatients with complex feeding and nutrition issues whose needs cannot be addressed by the community - Assessment for feeding difficulties related primarily to an underlying behavioral issue, mental health issue or oral-sensory issue are out of this clinic’s scope of practice.</p> <p><u>Average waitlist times</u> - Children are prioritized according to health and nutrition risk. - Waitlist times can vary depending on the number of referrals received and on the medical assessment needs. - Efforts will be made to coordinate clinic visits with other appointments.</p> | <p><u>Services / Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complex Feeding program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>If community supports are available:</i> consultative services only or short-term medical management, nutrition counseling and feeding therapy to children with complex nutritional and feeding needs that are refractory to treatment or difficult to manage by the community healthcare team. Community supports must be accessed before a referral to the CFNS is considered. o <i>If community supports are not available:</i> ongoing medical management, nutrition counseling and feeding therapy to children with complex nutritional and feeding needs. - Steps to Feeding – Tube Transition clinic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 2 week, outpatient based, intensive feeding intervention designed to increase oral intake in medically stable children who are tube fed and for whom traditional methods of tube weaning have not been successful o Must have a safe swallow for oral feeding and drinking o Must be on bolus feeds by NG or g-tube - Videofluoroscopic swallowing studies (VFSS) are available to patients of the Complex Feeding and Nutrition Service only. <p><u>Team may consist of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physician: pediatrician or gastroenterologist - Nurse - Dietitian - Occupational therapist - Social worker | <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, a nurse practitioner or a community feeding therapist is required. Incomplete referrals will be sent back to the referring provider. - Referrals can be emailed or faxed. Faxed referrals must be clearly addressed to the Complex Feeding and Nutrition Service. - If community supports are involved, the pediatrician and community supports must be aware and in agreement with a referral to the CFNS. Community supports may be contacted during the triage process. - If appropriate, referrals may be redirected to community resources. The referring physician will be informed.</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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| <p>Regions: - BC (all health authorities)</p> | <p><u>Centre / Agency:</u> BC Children’s Hospital Child and Adolescent Mental Health</p> <p><u>Address</u> Mental Health Building BC Children’s Hospital 4480 Oak Street Vancouver, BC V6H 3V4</p> <p><u>Contact person</u> - N/A</p> <p><u>Contact information</u> Phone: (604) 875-2010 Fax: (604) 875-2099</p> <p><u>Website</u> http://www.bcchildrens.ca/our-services/mental-health-services</p> | <p><u>Ages</u> - 0 to 19 years</p> <p><u>Mandate</u> - The Child and Youth Mental Health Program at BC Children's Hospital (Oak Street site) is a provincial resource providing mental health assessment and treatment for BC and Yukon children, youth, and their families.</p> <p><u>Average waitlist times</u> - N/A</p> | <p><u>Services / Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When all other medical or physical causes have been ruled out and it is believed that feeding and swallowing concerns are a manifestation of an underlying behavioral, emotional, mood and/or anxiety issue, consider a referral to one of the following clinics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infant Psychiatry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provides outpatient consultation, diagnosis and treatment for children less than 5 years of age, where attachment concerns contribute to feeding difficulties. - Mood and Anxiety Disorders Clinic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provides outpatient consultation, diagnosis and treatment recommendations for children and adolescents, ages 6 to 18 years, who have symptoms suggestive of a mood and/or anxiety disorder, including major depressive disorder, dysthymia, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, panic disorder, and generalized anxiety disorder. - Provincial Specialized Eating Disorders Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provides consultation, diagnosis and treatment for ages 8 to 18 years who are able to engage in discussions about body image. o Must meet tertiary level medical or psychiatric criteria, such as complex medical/psychiatric comorbidity, significantly low weight, failure to thrive or medical instability. - For comprehensive list of programs please see website. - Priority is given to tertiary care cases that cannot be serviced in the community, and to consultations. Programs complement community-based mental health centres by providing specialized consultation, outreach, and education services. | <p><u>Referral form</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The referral form is available from the website – follow links to access referral forms for specific programs. <p><u>Referral process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A physician referral is required. - The referral form must be completed in full and must include all required documentation, including all relevant assessments or reports. - Referrals can be sent by fax or by mail. - Note: Do not submit a referral form if you are requesting an Urgent Assessment or an Inpatient admission, or referring an Eating Disorders patient because of medical acuity. In such cases, please contact intake directly to discuss at (604) 875-2010. |

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| <p>Regions: - BC (all health authorities)</p> | <p><u>Centre / Agency:</u> Infant Development Program (IDP)</p> <p><u>Address and contact information</u> Available throughout BC</p> <p><u>Website</u> https://icdabc.ca/programs/infant-development-program/</p> | <p><u>Ages</u> - 0 to 3 years</p> <p><u>Mandate</u> - Children who are at risk for, or already have, a delay in development</p> | <p><u>Services / Programs</u> - May offer feeding evaluations, treatment and follow-up including family support. - Services vary depending on region and agency throughout the province of BC. Confirm feeding services offered with the individual IDP.</p> <p><u>Team may consist of:</u> - IDP consultant - Occupational Therapists - Speech & Language Pathologists - Services vary depending on region and agency throughout the province of BC. Confirm feeding services offered with the individual IDP.</p> | <p><u>Referral form</u> - Contact the individual IDP for their referral form.</p> <p><u>Referral process</u> - Referral process varies by IDP. Contact the individual IDP for their referral form.</p> |
| <p>Regions: - BC (all health authorities)</p> | <p><u>Centre / Agency:</u> Child Development Centre (CDC)</p> <p><u>Address and contact information</u> Available throughout BC</p> <p><u>Website</u> N/A</p> | <p><u>Ages</u> - 0 to 5 years</p> <p><u>Mandate</u> - Children who are at risk for, or already have, a developmental delay</p> | <p><u>Services / Programs</u> - May offer feeding evaluations, treatment and follow-up including family support. - Services vary depending on region and agency throughout the province of BC. Confirm feeding services offered with the individual CDC.</p> <p><u>Team may consist of:</u> - Occupational therapist - Speech-language pathologist - Social worker - Services vary depending on region and agency throughout the province of BC. Confirm feeding services offered with the individual CDC.</p> | <p><u>Referral form</u> - Contact the individual CDC for their referral form.</p> <p><u>Referral process</u> - Referral process varies by CDC. Contact the individual CDC for their referral form.</p> |