Referral Criteria for: Adolescent Psychiatry Unit

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What is the age criteria? (if applicable)	12-18 years old			
Who can refer?	Referrals are usually made by a Child & Youth Mental Health Team psychiatrist and case manager. Private Psychiatrists and General Practitioners may also refer and are encouraged to collaborate with the local Child & Youth Mental Health Team.			
Is there a form that needs to be filled out?	Yes, please complete the Adolescent Psychiatry Community Referral Form.			
How do you submit this form?	Completed Adolescent Psychiatry Community Referral forms are to be reviewed and signed by the regional community gate keeper. All referral forms, with the most recent psychiatric assessment and any other relevant information (testing, assessments, etc.) are to be faxed to 604-875-2099. The Nurse Clinician will contact the referrer once referral is received.			
The full address of where service is offered.	BC Children's Hospital			
	Healthy Minds Centre			
	4500 Oak Street			
	Vancouver, BC			
	V6H 3N1			
Description of target audience, in terms of their mental health challenge.	We serve adolescents experiencing psychiatric illness requiring inpatient care.			

The consultation, admission and post admission process	Admission process:		
	Once referral received, the Adolescent Psychiatry Consultation Team reviews the referral. The consultation team meets with the family and community team either in person or via video conference to discuss what is happening for the youth and family and goals for the an admission. Once admission is confirmed, the Nurse Clinician prepares youth and family for admission.		
	Post admission process:		
	Discharge planning will begin during admission. A discharge conference meeting will be held with a community agency such as Child and Youth Mental Health Team, community physician and school. This allows opportunity for youth/family to transition back to community.		
	The Adolescent Psychiatry Consultation Team will be available to support youth during transition to their community team if not available immediately following discharge.		
Is there anything else you need to know about the referral process?	We recognize that all family members are impacted by what happens to one member, therefore families/caregivers are an integral part of the care team. The family's/caregiver's involvement in the program is an opportunity to inform treatment, learn and develop new skills and gain and understanding of what is happening for their child.		
	For more information contact:		
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