

Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Consult and referral guidelines

About Pediatric Neurodevelopmental

We care for children and teens from birth to age 18.

Most common referrals

- Dysphagia, feeding problems
- Syndromic children with developmental delays
- High-Risk NICU follow-up
- Infant and early childhood development
- Cerebral palsy
- Gastrostomy or other tube feeding management
- Feeding (calories, tips for formula changes, etc.)
- Sleep and other day-to-day care issues in children with delays or disabilities

Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Appointment Priority Guide

Immediate	Contact HDVCH Direct at 616.391.2345 and ask to speak to the on-call neurodevelopmental provider and/or send to the closest emergency department.
Urgent	Likely to receive an appointment within 2 days. Send referral via Epic Care Link, fax completed referral form to 616.267.2401, or send referral through Great Lakes Health Connect.
Routine	Likely to receive an appointment within 1-4 weeks. Send referral via Epic Care Link, fax completed referral form to 616.267.2401, or send referral through Great Lakes Health Connect.

Diagnosis/Symptom	Suggested Workup/Initial Management	When to Refer	Information Needed
Dysphagia, Feeding Problems including need for tube feeding	Refer for oromotor assessment (speech or occupational therapy; varies in different centers) Consider videofluoroscopic swallowing study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns not addressed by prior assessment Coordinated management with other HDVCH specialists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Therapy and swallow study reports
Syndromic Children with Developmental Delays	Genetic testing Metabolic labs Refer to Early On		
High Risk NICU Follow-up <i>Babies born at less than 31 weeks gestational age</i> <i>Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy or other brain abnormality</i> <i>Feeding problems</i>	Refer to Early On	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First visit at 3 months adjusted age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NICU discharge summary for babies outside of HDVCH
Infant and Early Childhood Developmental Delays	Early On/Intermediate School District referral No other pre-evaluation is recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For consultation 	
Language Delay	Refer to Early On Refer to Speech Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If no improvement with therapy If has associated problems (dysmorphic features, delay in other areas) 	
Cerebral Palsy	As appropriate to child's picture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance with diagnosis, counseling, early therapy management or later management Early and later management to include feeds, therapies and associated conditions 	

Other Referral Recommendations

- **Autism**

Good first referral sources:

- Community Mental Health if covered by Medicaid
- Autism Assessment Clinic if covered by commercial insurance

Insurance often requires a diagnosis of autism for coverage of related care. CMH and the Autism Assessment Clinic can provide a diagnosis. These centers also assist with coordinating referrals. Our team can serve as a resource after the initial visit to CMH or the Autism Assessment Clinic.

- **Significant Behavioral Concerns**

Refer to Pediatric Behavioral Health, depending on nature and severity of the concern

- **ADHD and/or Learning Disabilities**

Refer to Pediatric Behavioral Health if unresolved with school testing

- **Tics**

Refer to Pediatric Neurology if consultation desired

- **Advanced Spastic Cerebral Palsy**

Consider Cerebral Palsy Clinic