

Developmental Consultation Clinic

Developmental paediatricians provide specialized care for children and youth with a wide range of developmental disorders. These disorders may include cognitive or learning disabilities, global developmental delays, autism, motor disabilities such as cerebral palsy, genetic disorders, language disorders, hearing or visual impairments, and behavioral disorders. Developmental paediatricians provide consultation and work closely with others in a child's or youth's "circle of care," integrating information from other specialists and allied health team members. They advocate for optimizing child and youth abilities within the family, their school or daycare, culture and community. (CPS)

Developmental Pediatricians at ErinoakKids offer consultation, assessment and diagnostic services, and advocate for medical services as needed. They work closely with our multidisciplinary teams. Our medical specialists DO NOT provide primary care. Instead, they work closely with Family Physicians and General Pediatricians.

Team Members:

At your child's appointment you will meet with the Developmental Pediatrician and the Pediatric Nurse.

What to expect at my child's appointment?

A developmental pediatric assessment often occurs over a few clinic visits, including a thorough developmental history, which may be followed by standardized testing and/or questionnaires. Developmental assessments consider the medical, neurological, genetic and psychosocial aspects of children's and adolescents' development and behaviour. Following the assessment, the developmental team member(s) discusses the developmental assessment with the parent(s)/caregiver(s) and provides recommendations and resources.

What should I bring?

- Your child's **Health Card**. The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care requires us to validate your health card at every clinic visit.
- Any **notes or questions** that you may have.
- List of **current medications and allergies**.
- Any other forms related to your child's care. This may include previous assessments or information from their school such as their report cards or individualized education plan. If a psychoeducational assessment has been performed in the past, please bring a copy with you for review.