



Queensland  
Government

Children’s Health Services

Royal Children’s Hospital

**Neurology**

**Consultant Clinics**

**Developmental regression**

Initial work-up	Refer when	Data needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical examination and history including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Loss of acquired skills either motor, speech or cognitive</li> <li>▪ Abnormal movements</li> <li>▪ Changes in reflexes</li> <li>▪ Seizures</li> <li>▪ Loss of vision</li> <li>▪ Loss of hearing</li> <li>▪ Deterioration in behaviour</li> <li>▪ Arrest of head growth</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If bloods are being ordered, consider:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Full blood count, urea &amp; electrolytes (U&amp;E), liver function tests (LFTs), creatine kinase (CK), thyroid function tests (TFTs)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Urgently refer all patients with suspected developmental regression to General Paediatrician who will refer to a Paediatric Neurologist as appropriate</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Bring to appointment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any investigations</li> <li>• Family history</li> <li>• School reports</li> <li>• Allied therapy reports</li> </ul>

**Provision of named referrals for all patients referred to the RCH will expedite patient access**

**Clinical Advice: Tel (07) 3636 3777 and ask for Paediatric Neurology Registrar or A/H (07) 3636 9005 Emergency Department**

**Referral Form Download: [http://www.health.qld.gov.au/rch/professionals/gp\\_referrals.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/rch/professionals/gp_referrals.asp)**

**Send Referrals to: Medical Objects Address – QHEALTH, ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL Fax: (07) 3636 7811 Mail: Outpatients Department  
HealthLink Address - [qldrchld](http://qldrchld) Royal Children’s Hospital  
Herston Rd, HERSTON 4029**

## Paediatrics Pre-referral Guidelines – Neurology



### Contact us

RCH Switchboard	(07) 3636 3777
Emergency Department	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPs only (clinical advice) (07) 3636 9005</li> <li>• General enquiries (07) 3636 8085</li> <li>• Triage nurse (07) 3636 7900</li> <li>• ED Admission enquiries (07) 3636 7700</li> </ul>	
Admission Enquiries	(07) 3636 8307
Admission Enquiries After Hours (via the RCH Main Switch)	(07) 3636 3777
Poisons Information Centre	131126
<b>Seriously Unwell Child: RCH Emergency Department</b>	<b>(07) 3636 9005</b>

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Feedback or suggestions welcomed. Contact the **Patient Safety and Quality Unit:** [CHSD-PSQU@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:CHSD-PSQU@health.qld.gov.au)

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