

Referral Criteria – Feeding Services Clinic

Ambulatory Care

The Feeding Clinic serves children and youth with feeding and swallowing issues. Our multidisciplinary team provides consultation, assessment, intervention and follow up by a physician / nurse practitioner, a speech-language pathologist, an occupational therapist and a dietician to improve feeding safety and feeding skill development.

Recommendations may also be made to seek help from community therapists and we will work to facilitate the process.

In order to be eligible for this service a **Physician** preferred **referral is required** and the client must meet **all** the following criteria:

- Live in the Toronto area or in regions that do not have a specialized feeding service able to meet the client's needs
- Is under the age of 19 (at the time of referral)
- Has a physical / nurse practitioner or neurological origin to their feeding difficulties; for example, children with conditions such as cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury, neuromuscular conditions, genetic syndromes, and cleft lip and palate. ***We do not accept referrals for children with feeding difficulties solely related to behavior and nutrition.***
- **Feeding Clinic Pre-Assessment Information Form** must be completed before referral will be accepted

**** The client/family must be aware of the referral***