Holland Bloorview
Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

Referral Criteria – Spina Bifida and Spinal Cord Injury Team

Ambulatory Care

The Spina Bifida/Spinal Cord Injury Team provides clinic structured assessment and intervention by a developmental pediatrician, a nurse practitioner, ambulatory care nurses, physiotherapists, an occupational therapist, a speech-language pathologist, a social worker, a psychologist and a life skills coach. For clients who live in Toronto, consultation between clinic visits is available as required.

The Team also has access to medical consultants in the areas of orthopedics and urology and Ontario Association of Children's Rehabilitation Services (OACRS) centres. To enable co-ordination of care of each child, the Spina Bifida/Spinal Cord Injury Team communicates with other involved community partners such as schools, the Community Care Access Centre, other medical facilities and government agencies.

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

- Live in Ontario except where multidisciplinary services are available for this client population
- Is under the age of 19 (at the time of referral)
- A diagnosis of a closed or open neural tube defect or spinal cord injury both traumatic and acquired lesions (such as transverse myelitis, inflammatory processes). Diagnosis must be confirmed with MRI imaging attached to referral.

The client / family must be aware of the referral

Please use the referral form online at: hollandbloorview.ca/referrals

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