

# EMR Keyword Search Strategies

**Definition of Developmental Disability:** a range of conditions in which lifelong limitations in intellectual functioning and conceptual, social and practical skills are noticeable before age 18 years.

## Key words

## Fields

- ➔ Problem List
- ➔ Past History
- ➔ Personal



### Syndromes, Diseases or Disorders:

- Down's, Down Syndrome
- Prader (Willi)
- Smith-Magenis
- 22q
- Pervasive developmental, PDD
- Tuberous sclerosis
- Congenital
- Rett's
- MR, Mental Retardation,
- Intellectual, Developmental, Delay, Disability
- Angelman
- Chromosome
- Fragile X
- ADHD, ADD
- FASD, Fetal Alcohol
- William's, Williams
- Autism, Asperger, Asperger's
- Cerebral Palsy; CP

### Severity levels:

- Borderline
- Mild
- Moderate
- Severe
- Profound
- Low function
- High function
- Pervasive

**Service Agency Names:** Check with your local [DSO](#) for a list.

### Social alerts:

- Special Education
- Learning
- Day program
- Case worker/manager

You may find a wide range of classifications or wording combinations! For this reason, it is suggested that an EMR search be set up to search multiple **fields**, with various combinations of search terms. Once your initial search is done, it is important to review this list to remove incorrectly identified individuals ('special education' teachers, patients with the last name "Williams" etc.). You can also populate patient lists into the [Reviewing Our Patients](#) template, for review by team members most familiar with the patient.