



Providing care to patients with DD: Ideas for a **team approach.**

Some ideas for your consideration:

Clerical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite patients with DD in for a DD Health Check. Offer them a Today's Health Care Visit tool to facilitate communication and comprehension during the visit. • Flag needs in the waiting room. • Schedule follow up appointments. • Add patients to the DD Registry (if site has one)
Income Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect patients and caregivers to income and funding sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ "Getting more money" - patient resource ◊ Financial resources - staff resource
MD; NP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a physical, informed by current best practice DD CPX. • Summarize follow-up using Today's Visit tool. • Utilize DD Consult List for DD-friendly practitioners and services.
Pharmacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of prescribing guidelines for patients with DD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Psychotropic medication issues, Rapid Tranquilization • Compliance, appropriate use, med review, use of psychotropics.
Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input on assessment and diagnosis of patients with DD. • Offer short-term counselling to situational crisis, anxiety, etc. particularly for patients with Dual Diagnosis (DD + mental health).
Registered Dietician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide intervention and education to patients with obesity, reflux, constipation. • Access already existing clear language patient education materials.
RN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review patient's vision, hearing and dental history. • Health education to patients re: screening prep and procedures. • Access already existing clear language patient education materials.
SW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help patients navigate developmental services via connection to DSO. • Utilize DD Staff resources for DD-friendly services and providers.
OTHER?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Therapists: Sensory integration, functional assessments, communication strategies, environmental modification • Physiotherapists: Mobility assessments and intervention