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

**Some ideas for your consideration:**

| Clerical                  | • 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) |
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| Income Support            | • Connect patients and caregivers to income and funding sources:  
  ◦ “Getting more money” - patient resource  
  ◦ Financial resources - staff resource |
| MD; NP                    | • 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                  | • Awareness of prescribing guidelines for patients with DD:  
  ◦ Psychotropic medication issues, Rapid Tranquilization  
  • Compliance, appropriate use, med review, use of psychotropics. |
| Psychology                | • 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       | • Provide intervention and education to patients with obesity, reflux, constipation.  
  • Access already existing clear language patient education materials. |
| RN                        | • 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                        | • Help patients navigate developmental services via connection to DSO.  
  • Utilize DD Staff resources for DD-friendly services and providers. |
| OTHER?                    | • Occupational Therapists: Sensory integration, functional assessments, communication strategies, environmental modification  
  • Physiotherapists: Mobility assessments and intervention |