



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

## **Some ideas for your consideration:**

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