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#### Paediatric Neurology Referrals, Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick

**Non-urgent New Referrals:** The first referral can be addressed to: Head of Department, Neurology and the referral will be triaged to the next available appointment on the waiting list. This will ensure that all patients are seen in a timely manner.

**Subsequent appointments:** This will need to be addressed to **the specific neurologist** that previously saw the patient. All subsequent neurology appointments require a referral addressed to a specific doctor before an appointment is made.

**Please fax all referrals to 9382 1580. All Paediatric Neurologists accept general neurology referrals.**

**As in many specialised areas there is a significant waiting list.** We encourage that general practitioners consider referral to a paediatrician as the first point of call. General paediatricians are very experienced in all aspects of paediatric care. The paediatrician may want a neurological opinion subsequently and a process of shared care be established. This has many benefits for patient care. The existing pathway of direct referral to specific neurologists is also available, although this may mean a longer delay for appointments. The Neurologist may discuss the referral with you or write with further advice regarding the process.

**For an urgent appointment the On Call Fellow or Paediatric Neurologist should be contacted via switch (02) 9382 1111.**

**There are specific areas of expertise.** The personnel and interests of the Paediatric Neurologists in the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick Department are below.

Dr Michael Cardamone	Epilepsy and Ketogenic Diet	9382 1549
Dr Hugo Sampaio	Neuromuscular Disease	9382 1547
Dr Ian Andrews	Stroke, Myasthenia and Atypical Headache	9382 8205
Dr John Lawson	Epilepsy	9382 1658
Dr Michelle Farrar	Neuromuscular Disorders	9382 1549
Dr Alex Johnson	Neurology	9382 1547
Dr Hooi Ling Teoh	Neurology	9382 1547
Dr Tejaswi Kandula	Neurology	9382 1658
Dr Sekhar Pillai	Neurology	9382 1658
Assoc. Professor Annie Bye	Epilepsy	9382 1549

**NB: Assoc Professor Annie Bye is not seeing new patients.**

**Scripts:** Patients are encouraged to get repeat prescriptions for medications either during their consultation with their neurologist, or with their general practitioner/paediatrician. It is less than ideal to contact the junior medical staff on an urgent basis for repeat prescriptions as they are often less familiar with the patients and may not be aware of any recent changes in medication dosing.

**The following medications are on the PBS and are able to be prescribed by any medical practitioner including the general practitioner/paediatrician:**

Carbamazepine, Ethosuximide, Lacosamide, Lamotrigine, Levetiracetam, Oxcarbazepine, Perampanel, Phenytoin, Phenobarbitone, Sulthiame, Topiramate, Valproate, Vigabatrin, Zonisamide,

**The following medication can be prescribed by any medical practitioner including the general practitioner/paediatrician but needs to be ordered in by local pharmacist:**

Midazolam (Plastic Ampoules)

**The following medication is not on the PBS, but can be prescribed by any medical practitioner on a private script:**

Clobazam

**The following medication will need a specialist only prescription:**

Rufinamide, Cannabidiol, Stiripentol, Potassium Bromide

Please note that phenobarbitone concentration in the community is 3mg/ml. If a higher concentration of phenobarbitone is needed, this will need to be an in-hospital prescription