

Initial Consultation Information

Visit 1 – who should come, what to expect, what to bring

In most cases there will be two visits for the initial assessment. The first visit (50 minutes) is to collect all the relevant, available information and examine the child (physically and developmentally if necessary). For this visit, in addition to the child, it is preferable for both parents to come.

If your child's issues are complex, this visit is taken up with discussion and we may not draw any conclusions, or discuss any management until the second visit.

If there is sensitive information that you would prefer your child not to hear, please indicate this on the accompanying parent questionnaire. In this case it is possible for them to wait outside, and you may wish to bring along books or other activities to keep them occupied. Similarly, in some cases it may be necessary to speak with the child alone (e.g. with teenagers), and the parents for these can sit out.

Other children: It is preferable that you do not bring other children unless they can be trusted to sit in the waiting area unsupervised. They can distract the consultation.

What to bring

1. Referral from your Doctor (unless it has already been sent and received).
2. Completed questionnaire - parent and teacher
3. Any additional information you have about your child (letters, assessment reports etc.).
4. If your child has been assessed in the past (e.g. by a Therapist), and you do not have a written assessment report, please attempt to obtain a full report, a short summary, or a verbal summary of the tests used and conclusions reached.
5. If your child is currently being treated (e.g. by a Speech Pathologist), please attempt to obtain a recent summary of problems being treated, therapy schedule and duration, and therapy goals (what the therapy is intended to achieve, and by when).
6. Fees

Visit 2

We strongly suggest both parents to come along to visit 2 if there are two parents involved. If you are a single parent, you may wish to bring a support person.

For the second visit (also 50 minutes) it may not be necessary to bring your child. The decision depends on factors such as your child's age and how much was able to be completed in the first visit. Your Doctor will be able to let you know at the initial visit whether you need to bring your child back for the second visit.

At this visit we will discuss the diagnostic (what is wrong) issues, and make a plan either for further assessment or for treatment and management.

From these visits we write a letter summarising the information, conclusions and plan. This is sent to the referring General Practitioner, and you will always receive a copy of this letter for your own information. If you want the letter sent to others (e.g. School Principal, Relative), please let us know.

Fees

Please contact the CDN for details about fees. In most cases there are two consultations for the initial assessment. These are billed separately as Initial and Follow-up consultations. A proportion of these fees can be recouped from Medicare

Payment

Please make your payment on the day of the consultation. With the receipt and invoice you will be able to obtain the Medicare rebate. Facilities are available to receive payment by Eftpos, Cash, Cheque, Visa card or MasterCard. (Diners Card and American Express are not supported).

Late cancellations and non-attendance of booked appointments

Please read our cancellation policy. This will be strictly employed. We are in a situation where we would like as much notice as possible so that others on the waiting list could use free appointments.

Where to come / parking / transport

We are located at

Suite3, Ground Floor, (Enter through the door on the Northern corner, closest to the City)
The Mater Potter Building (formerly Community Services), across the road from Hotel Diana
39 Annerley Rd, South Brisbane 4101.

This building is close to bus (Mater Hill), and rail (Vulture St / Southbank).

