**What is Drop-in Clinic?**

**Drop-in clinic provides parents in the ACT with an opportunit**y to discuss issues about their child’s communication skills with a Speech Pathologist or discuss issues about their child’s gross motor development and posture, movement and walking with a Physiotherapist.

**Please note that** **Speech Pathology and Physiotherapy Drop-In Clinics are only available for children 0-6 years who have a residential address in the ACT and are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme.**

Drop-in clinics take the form of an informal discussion and screen of skills, and it is not a formal assessment.

No appointment is necessary; however, an approximate timeslot will be provided upon arrival. A wait to see a therapist should be expected and will vary depending on the number of people who attend the Drop-In Clinic.

**Please Note: There are a limited number of people who can be seen within the Drop-In Clinic session and if the maximum number is reached parents will be advised to attend another Drop- In Clinic or contact Intake.**

If further assessment and/or intervention is recommended following Drop-in, a referral will be made to the appropriate service.

**Who should come to a Drop-in Clinic?**

Parents and guardians are welcome to bring their child to a Drop-in Clinic if they have concerns about their children in any of the following areas:

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| **Physiotherapy** | **Speech Pathology** |
| General/lower limb posture concerns  Delays in gross motor development, e.g. sitting, walking, jumping  Clumsiness  Difficulties with catching, throwing, kicking balls | Speech (sounds)  Language (understanding and speaking)  Fluency (stuttering) |

**The following concerns are NOT addressed through Drop-in Clinics:**

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| * Sporting injuries, back conditions and painful joints (refer to your doctor) | * Feeding and swallowing Issues |
| * Voice disorders | * Fine Motor Problems, e.g. handwriting, cutting |
| * Concerns regarding children who are above 0-6 years of age, adolescents or adults. | * Concerns where the child has already been assessed as eligible for the NDIS. |