



Child Development Service



Shared care for children with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)



Your paediatrician has:

- prescribed medication to help your child with their ADHD
- recommended that your GP is included in managing your child's care.

When your paediatrician and your GP work together we call it 'Shared Care'. This means you don't need to see the paediatrician every time your child needs more medication.

We'll send information to your GP about:

- your child's care
- the prescribed medication
- how they can contact your paediatrician.

To participate in shared care, please:

- book an extended appointment with your GP every 4 to 6 months
- make sure the appointment is before the medication prescription runs out
- talk to your GP if you have any concerns about your child's medication.

In shared care, your GP will:

- monitor your child's health and development, including their height, weight and blood pressure
- monitor how well your child's medication is working, and any side effects
- write repeat prescriptions
- report back regularly to your child's paediatrician.

Your child still needs to see the paediatrician **at least every 12 months**.

Your GP will discuss any required changes to your child's medication, including the dose, with your paediatrician.

You or your GP should ask for an earlier appointment if you need to change your child's medication.



Important information from today's appointment for your records:

Date:

Weight:

Height:

Blood pressure:

What else can my GP help with?

GPs are an important part of your child's healthcare team. They can:

- manage your child's medical needs, such as low iron or ear infections
- coordinate care for your child and your family
- refer your child to other medical specialists (other kinds of doctors)
- help you access allied health services (for example occupational therapy).

Your GP can help you to put a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan or GP Chronic Condition Management Plan (GPCCMP) in place. This means you can get some of the costs back (Medicare rebate) for private allied health appointments.

For more information about

- working with your child's GP
- the metropolitan **Child Development Service**



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