Location

The FAS DPN Clinic is located at the University of Washington, Center on Human Development and Disability (CHDD) just across the street from the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, Washington.

The FAS Clinic is a cooperative effort between the University of Washington CHDD and the Department of Social and Health Services.

Directions to the CHDD
http://depts.washington.edu/chdd/gist/directions.html

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What is Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)?

FAS is a birth defect syndrome characterized by poor growth, learning and behavioral problems, and a unique cluster of facial features. FAS is caused by maternal consumption of alcohol during pregnancy. Not all children exposed to alcohol during gestation are born with FAS. The majority of individuals affected by prenatal alcohol exposure have the learning and behavioral problems, but not the facial features. The full spectrum of outcomes caused by prenatal alcohol exposure is called fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD).

Who does the FAS DPN Clinic serve?

The FAS DPN Clinic provides FASD diagnostic evaluations to individuals of all ages (infants to adults) who have a confirmed prenatal alcohol exposure.

What happens during an evaluation at the FAS DPN Clinic?

The clinical team includes a medical doctor, two psychologists, a speech-language pathologist, an occupational therapist, a family advocate, and a social worker.

Clinic is held on Fridays. Two patients are evaluated each Friday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Before coming to clinic, caregivers complete a questionnaire (called a New Patient Information Form) that documents the patient's developmental history and the caregivers' concerns. In preparation for the appointment, the Clinic collects copies of previous school, medical, and psychological evaluations. On the day of the appointment, the caregivers are interviewed by the medical doctor and psychologist while the patient is assessed by a psychologist, speech-language pathologist, and occupational therapist. After the interview and clinical examination, the clinic team meets to derive a diagnosis and establish referrals for treatment and services. The caregivers then meet with the clinic team to discuss the diagnosis and referrals.

Caregivers participate as an essential member of the team throughout the evaluation process. The diagnostic evaluation and discussion of the diagnosis and referrals takes approximately four hours.

How to request a diagnostic evaluation at the FAS DPN Clinic

To request a diagnostic evaluation, please go to our website for detailed instructions. www.fasdpn.org/htmls/appointments.htm

Additional FAS DPN clinics are located in Everett and Yakima. You will be given the option to be seen in the clinic nearest you.