

# Referral Guidelines

## Febrile Seizure

### Referring provider's initial evaluation and management can include:

- Infants and toddlers six months to two years of age with a first simple (benign) febrile seizure typically do not require brain imaging, EEG or neurological consultation.
- Evaluation should focus on identifying the cause of the child's fever. Meningitis should be considered as a differential diagnosis for any febrile child. Lumbar puncture should be performed if there are clinical signs and symptoms of concern.

### When to initiate referral:

- Children greater than two years of age with a first simple (benign) febrile seizure may benefit from consultation on a case-by-case basis.
- Children with multiple recurrences of simple febrile seizures may benefit from consultation on a case-by-case basis.
- Consultation may be considered for children with atypical (complex) febrile seizures. An atypical febrile seizure is defined as a febrile seizure lasting greater than 15 minutes, or a febrile seizure with partial onset or focal features during or after the seizure, or recurrent febrile seizures within 24 hours of the first episode.
- A febrile seizure in a child less than six months or over five years of age is atypical. Neurology consultation should be considered for these children.

### What records can referring provider send?

- Brain imaging and EEG should be deferred unless recommended by the neurologist.
- Copies of official reports of the studies, if obtained, sent with relevant medical records. If brain-imaging studies were completed, please send images on optical media.

### Children's Colorado's workup will likely include:

- Evaluation by a neurologist, pediatric neurology nurse practitioner or physician assistant.
- EEG for atypical events.

### Who to refer to:

- Patients with febrile seizures can be seen by any of our general pediatric neurologists.
- Patients with febrile seizures that are greater than two years of age and do not have any other complicated chronic illnesses may be seen by one of our pediatric neurology nurse practitioners or physician assistants.
- **Please call 720-777-6895 to make an appointment.**
- Our neurology staff practice throughout metro Denver and appointments are available at our St. Joseph's, Parker, Broomfield, Littleton and Wheat Ridge locations.

### Want to provide information to your patients and families?

Tell them to visit [childrenscolorado.org/Neuro](http://childrenscolorado.org/Neuro)

## Contact the Neurology Department

A Children's Hospital Colorado Pediatric Neurologist is available at all times for consultation and can be reached through OneCall at 720-777-3999 or toll free at 800-525-4871 or by calling the Neurology department directly at 720-777-6895, option 2.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 720-777-6895.

Medical Records: Medical records needed for upcoming appointments in Neurology can be faxed to 720-777-7197.

