

DD CARES Acronym Posters

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Ask & Adapt

Does anyone help you?

Do you have a job?

Ask: Do you have special help?

Adapt: What changes can you make to your communication style and the environment?

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Complexities & Comorbidities

Medical

- Epilepsy
- Vision impairments/cataracts
- Dental complications and disease
- Hearing loss/ear infections
- Cardiac disorders (CHF, MVP)
- Respiratory disorders

Psychosocial

- Stress caused by change of routine
- Stress caused by social or situational anxiety
- Change in behaviour caused by pain
- Change in behaviour caused by anxiety

Pain

- Dental
- Constipation
- MSK Spasticity
- Scoliosis

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Resources & Referrals

Check the ED portal for resources such as:

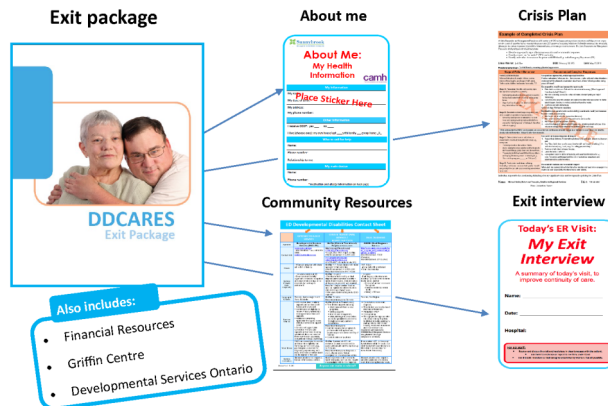
- Health Watch Tables
- Financial Resources
- Pain Assessment
- Medication use
- Rapid Tranquilization
- All about DD

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Exit Package

The exit package includes a number of patient resources that may:

- better prepare patients for future visits
- improve communication and follow up at discharge



For more information check the ED portal or contact us at hcardd@camh.ca

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Safety & Support



Working with patients with developmental DD can be challenging if staff do not feel equipped.

Work together with the family/caregivers to identify useful strategies to ensure safe and supportive interaction



What techniques can you use to create a positive experience for both the patient and yourself?

