



Community Medicine Newsletter

Dear Physician:

Speech and Language pervades every area of our lives and is crucial to intellectual and social development. It has been brought to our attention that children continue to enter Kindergarten with communication difficulties that have not been addressed during their preschool years. Fortunately, research indicates that it is possible to improve preschool language skills through **early intervention** programs. The earlier we intervene, the better are our chances to make a difference.

As part of our service delivery at Vancouver Coastal Health/North Shore, we offer an Intake Consultation immediately upon referral, which helps determine future needs. We encourage any parents concerned about their child's speech and language development, to contact us directly and without delay. Our waitlist for more comprehensive assessment and intervention is lengthy; therefore, it is important to make referrals as soon as parents become concerned. **Parents can call (604) 983-6704 to request a referral package.**

For your convenience we have enclosed the links to our handouts outlining speech and language milestones from birth to five year of age.

<http://vch.eduhealth.ca/PDFs/FM/FM.240.5.S64.pdf>
<http://vch.eduhealth.ca/PDFs/FM/FM.240.Y58.pdf>

Please note that Vancouver Coastal Health/North Shore only provides speech and language services for children prior to Kindergarten eligibility.

Please feel free to call the Speech and Language Department with any questions you may have at 604-983-6704.

Sincerely,

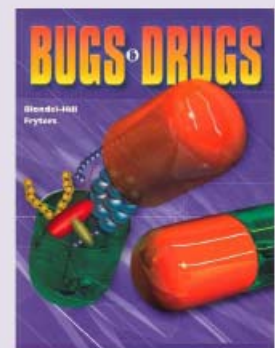
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If you have any questions, contact a Do Bugs Need Drugs? team member at 604-707-2518.

