



Saskatchewan Health Authority
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Re: Children's Hepato-Gastroenterology Program

The Moms and Kids Health Saskatchewan Hepato-Gastroenterology program is undergoing significant change. It is our goal to support you to ensure that we continue to identify, treat and follow children, youth and the families requiring this service.

During the rebuild of the hepato-gastro program here in Saskatchewan, interim processes are in development. A centralized referral process has been created to:

- Ensure all referrals are captured and triaged
- Confirm that each child/youth is attached to the service/providers that they require
- Build practice network here in Saskatchewan
- Streamline requests for out of province care.

During the program rebuild the following is requested:

- Family Medicine Providers make acute urgent/emergent referrals first to the General Pediatrician on call within their integrated service area.
- Calls regarding patients requiring transport or considered unstable under pediatric standards of care should include Pediatric Transport as a consultant.
- Family Medicine Providers should also consult the local General Pediatric team for all outpatient hepato-gastroenterology referrals.
- General Pediatricians requiring support or consultation for outpatient pediatric hepato-gastroenterology are requested to complete the attached referral and consult note (Appendix A) and fax to the new central intake number:

**Moms and Kids - Gastroenterology referral and intake:
FAX (306) 655-3534**

Appendix B outlines the interim referral process, it is requested that you follow this process to ensure timely care for your patient and supports for the family. Please submit any new or previously returned referrals through this process.

The Children's GI Multidisciplinary Clinical Team is available to General Pediatricians seeking support or guidance with Hepato-Gastrointestinal issues or existing diagnosis. To reach a Registered Dietician, Nurse, Pharmacist, Social Worker or SLP working in the Children's GI program please contact:

**Children's GI Clinical Coordinator:
(306) 655-6479**

We appreciate your patience as we work through the rebuild of this vital program here in Saskatchewan.



Name: _____

HSN: _____

D.O.B.: _____

CONSULTATION REQUEST

Date: _____

To: _____ Service: _____

From: _____ Service: _____

Please Check: Urgent Routine

Consultation Submitted (to be completed by MRP): _____ Date & Time: _____

MRP Signature: _____

Patient Location: _____

Request:

Name: _____

HSN: _____

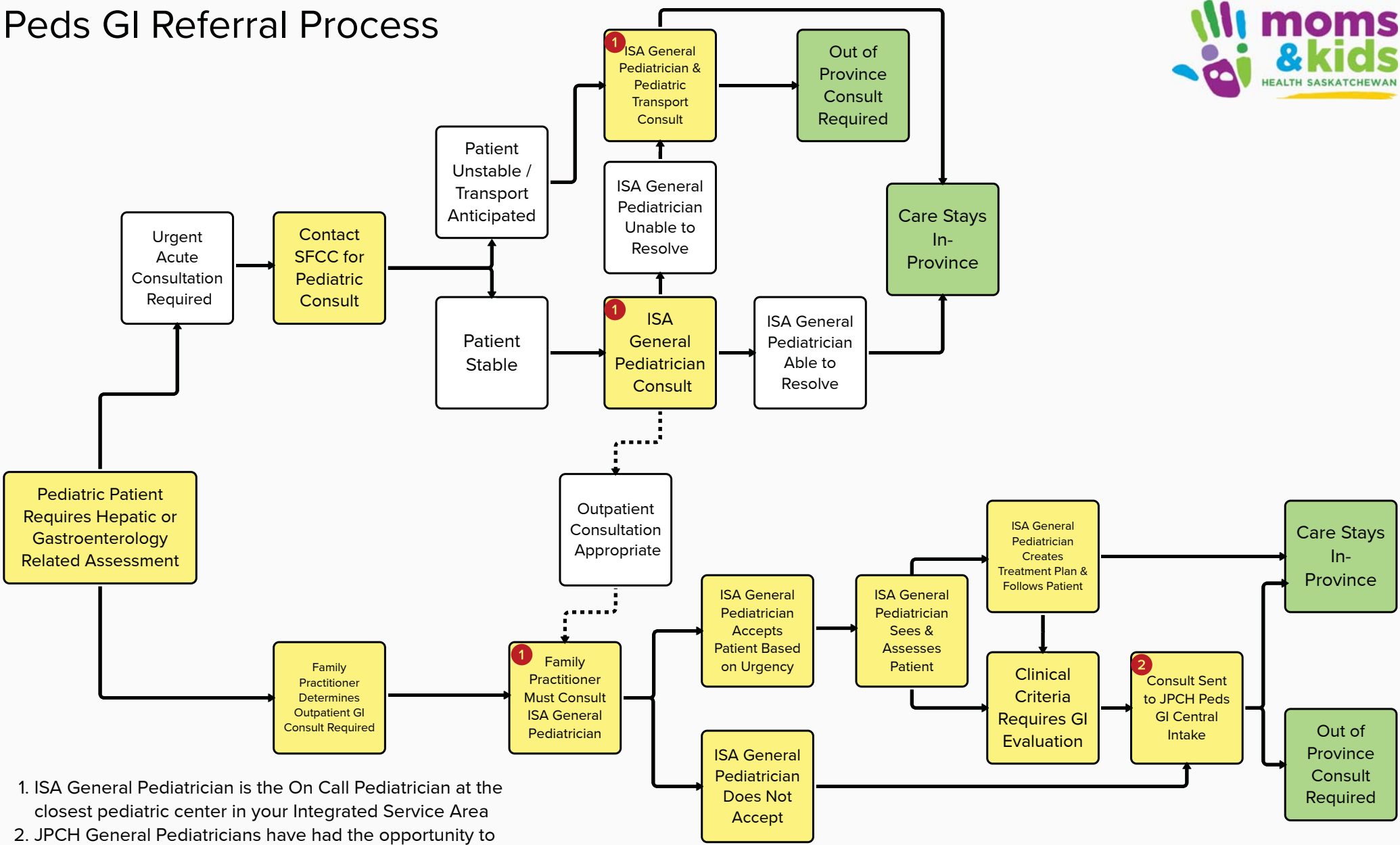
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Date: _____

Patient Assessment

Indications	Mitigating Factors	Assessment and Severity	Date/Duration
Diagnostic Findings	Abnormal labs (attach)		
	Imaging (attach report)		
Abdominal pain	Acute		
	Chronic		
Known Celiac disease (elevated TTg-IgA)	Asymptomatic		
	Symptomatic		
	On gluten free diet		
Chronic diarrhea (> 4 weeks)	Symptoms		
	Normal growth		
Constipation	Symptoms		
Dysphagia	Isolated		
	Loss of weight		
Failure to thrive	Normal velocity		
	Crossing percentiles		
Fatty liver	Mildly elevated LFTs		
Gallstones	Asymptomatic		
	Symptomatic		
GERD	Mild symptoms		
	Severe symptoms		
	Failure to thrive		
Hepatomegaly / splenomegaly	Isolated		
	FTT / abnormal labs		
Hepatitis (increased LFTs)	INR > 2		
	INR mildly increased		
	LFTs > 100		
	LFTs < 100		
Hyperbilirubinemia (conjugated)	< 4 mo & acholic stool		
	< 4 mo coloured stool		
	> 4 mo coloured stool		
Iron deficiency anemia	Abnormal iron studies and Hb on iron supplementation		
Pancreatitis (chronic)	FTT / abnormal labs		
	Normal labs		
Perianal abscess			
Persistent vomiting	Normal labs		
	Abnormal labs		
Polyps	Normal labs		
Rectal bleeding	Normal labs /painless		
	Abnormal labs / Sx		

Peds GI Referral Process



1. ISA General Pediatrician is the On Call Pediatrician at the closest pediatric center in your Integrated Service Area
2. JPCH General Pediatricians have had the opportunity to historically work with the GI Subspecialty team* seeing a greater volume of acute inpatients and treatment plans. In a collaborative approach, this additional step is intended to reduce transitions out of province.

*GI Subspecialty Team: JPCH GI Subspecialist, SLP, RD, Pharmacy, Pediatric Infectious Disease, Pediatric Surgeon, etc.