Provincial ADHD Program Referral Process

- Referrals are received and reviewed by the registered nurse (RN) in the clinic.
- Referrals are triaged by the RN and patients are placed on a waitlist to receive an appointment. (*The time to be seen is based on a number of factors. For example, how long a referral has been on the waitlist.*)
- The administrative assistant contacts patients to book an appointment when one becomes available.
- If a patient's condition changes (i.e., job loss or loss of long term relationship), they or their primary health care provider can resubmit a Provincial ADHD Program referral.

Please be aware that although we are working hard to see patients as quickly as we can, our waitlist can be long.

Helpful Tips While You Wait

- Get informed! What is ADHD? Find quality information under ADHD Resources.
- Join an ADHD support group online or in-person. Find information in **ADHD resources** under ADHD PEI.
- Consider increasing physical activity.
 - Exercise can have positive benefits including managing impulsivity and hyperactivity, improving attention and focus, and improving performance when completing tasks.
 - Exercise strategies are available under **ADHD Medication and Other Resources.**
- Develop healthy coping strategies. Find relaxation and meditation techniques outlined under **ADHD Medication and Other Resources.**
- Reach out to your support network to alleviate feelings of stress, hopelessness or isolation.
- Establish a healthy routine.
 - Find sleep hygiene tips under **ADHD Resources.**
 - Find ideas for establishing a daily schedule under ADHD Resources.
 - Find ideas for practicing self-care under **ADHD Resources.**
- Struggling at work? Join the ADAPT program for increased support. Find more information in **ADHD resources** under the ADAPT program.

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