

Clinical Staff

Medical Practitioners

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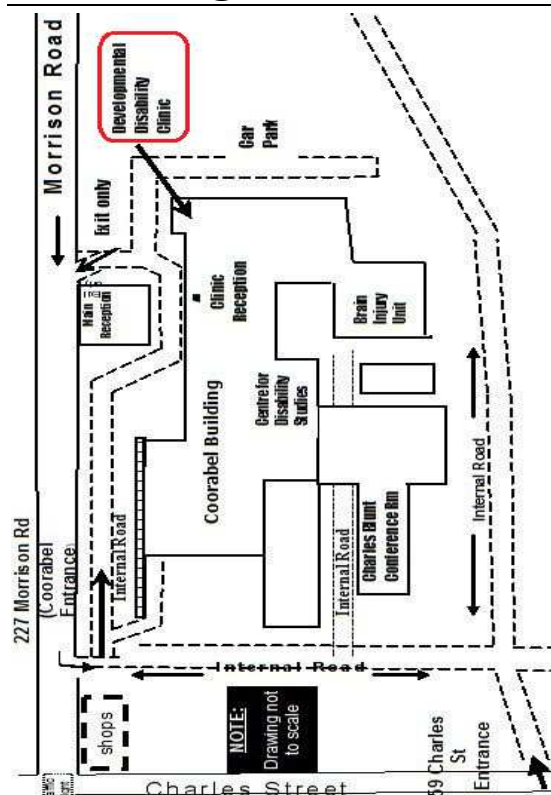
Mr Sam Arnold – BA (Psych.), PG Dip
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Ms Rachel Dickson – BPsych., PG Dip
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Clinic Nurse Coordinator

Ms Nicky Shellard

Getting to the Clinic



By Car – Enter via Morrison Rd (Coorabel entrance), turn first left, and follow the signs to Outpatients Department.

By Public Transport - Sydney Bus number 507 runs from Meadowbank station to Payten Street, near Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney. Check www.131500.info for bus times. You may be required to walk from Meadowbank station to Bowden Street bus stop near Richard Johnson Cr depending on the time of day.

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NSW DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY HEALTH UNIT

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NSW Developmental Disability Health Unit

People with developmental disability often have more health problems than others in the general community. Many of these needs can be met by a person's General Practitioner, but sometimes a specialist approach is needed.

For this reason, the Centre for Developmental Disability Studies operates a health clinic in the Outpatients Department of the Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney. This clinic provides a medical and health consultant service for people with developmental disabilities.

The Clinic works in conjunction with the person's General Practitioner to ensure high quality health care through a network of medical specialists and allied health professionals.

If there are behavioural matters of concern, the clinic doctors will identify and manage any possible physical cause, and refer for psychological advice as required.

What happens at the clinic

People referred to the clinic are usually seen by one of the Health Unit's doctors, either alone or in the company of relatives or other care givers. A complete medical history will be taken and a thorough physical examination will be done. Laboratory tests and X-rays will be ordered as needed.

If required, referrals will be made to other medical specialists or allied health personnel. Where there are ongoing behaviours of concern or deterioration in skills, a psychologist experienced with disabilities will usually be consulted.

Frequently more than one visit to the clinic will be necessary. A report will be sent to the General Practitioner and to other persons responsible for the patient's care such as their parents or house manager.

A range of psychological services is also available and referrals may be made by Clinic doctors, General Practitioners or families. As different referral and payment conditions apply for psychology services, please contact the Clinic Nurse Coordinator for details.

Enquiries or appointments

02 - 9808 9287

Mondays or Wednesdays

Clinics & Services Provided

Medical Clinics

- Medical Clinics for Adults and Adolescents with Developmental Disability
- Down syndrome Clinics
- Fragile X syndrome Clinics (in association with the FX Association)
- Cornelia de Lange syndrome Clinics
- Rehabilitation Assessment Clinics
- Ageing and Dementia Clinics
- Transition Clinics for adolescents moving from paediatric to adult health services.

Psychological Services

- Psychological and IQ Assessment
- Treatment of mental health and emotional disorders
- Consultation
- Counselling
- Behaviour Support