

Growth and Development Clinic Follow-up to 5 Years

JUNE 2025

Who are we and what do we do?

We are a team of health specialists at the Growth and Development Clinic. We check on babies who were born very early or very sick soon after birth.

It's important to track your baby's progress after going home. Babies born early or with birth problems may have delays in growth and development. We monitor their movement, speech, and thinking skills. If needed, we may recommend therapy, like seeing a physiotherapist, occupational therapist, or speech pathologist

After each visit, we write a report and give you a copy. We also share it with your baby's healthcare team.

Which babies do we see?

We see babies cared for in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Royal Hospital for Women and are:

- **Born before 29 weeks of pregnancy, or**
- **Weighed less than 1000 grams at birth.**

We also see babies who weighed more than 1000g and were very sick soon after birth.

What if you don't live near Randwick?

We can refer you to a clinic closer to where you live. There are clinics in Camperdown, St Leonards, Nepean, Liverpool, Westmead, Newcastle, and Canberra.

If you live more than 100 km from Randwick, you might be able to get help with travel costs. Please contact our clinic before your first visit to ask about this.

If you can't come to our clinic, please see a Paediatrician near you when your child turns 1 and ask them to send us a copy of the report.

How often do we see you and what do we do?

First Visit: 4 months old (corrected age). This visit is 4 months after your baby's due date.

A Developmental Paediatrician will check your baby's health and development. We will ask about your baby and your family's health. A Physiotherapist will also see your baby to check how your baby moves and is reaching movement milestones.

Second Visit: 8 months old (corrected age). This visit is 8 months after your baby's due date.

The Physiotherapist will use a standardised test to see how your baby is moving. You'll learn how your baby is reaching their movement milestones. We'll also give you tips on how to help your baby's motor skills progress.

Third Visit: 1 year old (corrected age). This visit is 1 year after your baby's due date.

Your baby will do a standardised play-based test to check thinking, talking, and movement skills. A Paediatrician or Clinical Psychologist will do the test. The Paediatrician and Physiotherapist will also check your baby's physical health.

Fourth Visit: 2 – 3 years old

Your child will do a standardised play-based test to check thinking, talking, and movement skills. A Paediatrician or Clinical Psychologist will do this test. The Paediatrician will also check your child's physical health.

Fifth Visit: 5 years old

Your child will do a test with a Clinical Psychologist to check how they think and solve problems. We will give you helpful tips to support your child's learning at school. A Physiotherapist will check your child's movement skills using a standardised test. This will be your child's last visit to the Clinic.



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Consumer Participation National Standards endorsed

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

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Where are we located?

Growth & Development Clinic

Royal Hospital for Women

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Clinic Days:

Weekly on Thursdays & Fridays (by appointment only)

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