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Paediatricians and Developmental Coordination Disorder

What is a paediatrician?

A specialist doctor who cares for infants, children and young people, and is an expert in child health and development.

What role might a paediatrician play in DCD diagnosis?

Your Paediatrician will be able to carry out a medical and developmental assessment, investigate for underlying medical conditions, make referrals to allied health providers and coordinate a multi-disciplinary assessment.

What role can a paediatrician play in intervention for DCD?

A paediatrician will not play a direct role in intervention for DCD. However, they may be involved in providing referrals and support / advocacy letters to assist families to gain appropriate support.

How do you find a paediatrician?

Start with your GP or Maternal and Child Health Nurse and ask for their recommendations. There is a list of paediatricians with interest and expertise in child development (Australia and NZ) here: https://nbpsa.org/find-a-specialist

What to ask when looking for a paediatrician.

You should check if the Paediatrician provides care for children with developmental-behavioural difficulties.