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Involuntary Admission to BC Children's Hospital under the Mental Health Act.



What does 'Involuntary Admission under the Mental Health Act' mean?
Your child meets all four criteria for an involuntary admission which are listed on the Medical Certificate Form 4:

1. Your child has a disorder of the mind that seriously impairs their ability to react appropriately to their environment or to associate with others requires treatment.
2. Your child requires treatment in or through a designated facility.
3. Your child requires care, supervision and control in or through a designated facility to prevent their substantial mental or physical deterioration or for the protection of themselves or for the protection of others.
4. Your child cannot be suitably admitted as a voluntary patient.

Your child will have to stay at the hospital while they receive treatment.

- The MHA affects your rights as a parent; while your child is admitted involuntarily under the MHA, they will not be able to leave the hospital unless the doctor gives permission.
- Your child's safety and wellbeing are a top priority for us.
- Your child's admission status will be monitored as it can change at any time.

Your child has rights while admitted.

- A member of the care team will review the Notification of Rights **Form 13** with your child which lists their rights while at the hospital. You can request a copy from the treatment team.
- Your child rights include asking for second medical opinion and requesting a review panel hearing. Information on the Review Panel is included in the admission package.

Your child can nominate and notify a person of their choice.

- Your child has an opportunity to let someone of their choice know they are staying in the hospital using Nomination of Near Relative **Form 15** and Notification of Near Relative **Form 16**. If they don't nominate you, we encourage them to choose a person who can be a support to them.

Your child will be discharged when they no longer meet admission criteria.

- Your child's doctor and treatment team will talk to you and your child about continuing care in the community and work with you to create a plan.



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We know this is a difficult time for you and your family. Please let your child's treatment team know if you have any questions or need support.

For more information: www.healthymindslearning.ca