

# Concurrent treatment

Information for families working with private therapists

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## What is concurrent treatment?

Concurrent treatment is when therapy is provided by more than one therapist of the same profession:

- for the same issues
- over the same period of time
- in different settings

This happens when your child sees a private therapist as well as a therapist at the Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre.

## How is concurrent treatment coordinated?

The therapists at the Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre respect your choice to work with private therapists while receiving our service.

Please tell us about your involvement with other therapists. We will ask for your permission to communicate with them. This allows everyone involved with your child's care to have a positive relationship with each other. Your consent for this communication is also a requirement of all licensed therapists. For more information, see "Professional standards for therapists" on the next page.

If we try to communicate with your private therapist and he or she does not respond, we will discuss this with you and develop a plan.

Your child's private therapist and therapist from the Children's Health Centre will discuss goals, roles, and treatments. This ensures safe, efficient and compatible treatment that is in the best interest of your child.

We will let you know if we have concerns about whether the treatment approaches are compatible. In some situations, treatment may have to be put on hold until proper communication or planning can take place.

**If you have questions about concurrent treatment,  
please speak with your child's therapist**

## Professional standards for therapists

### College of Physiotherapists of Ontario

- Concurrent Treatment of a Patient by a Physiotherapist and Another Health Care Professional:  
[www.collegept.org/Assets/registrants/guideenglish/standards\\_framework/standards\\_practice\\_guides/StandardConcurrentTreatmentOfPatient.pdf](http://www.collegept.org/Assets/registrants/guideenglish/standards_framework/standards_practice_guides/StandardConcurrentTreatmentOfPatient.pdf)

### College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario

- Concurrent intervention provided by CASLPO members (2015)  
[www.caslpo.com/sites/default/uploads/files/PS\\_EN\\_Concurrent\\_Intervention\\_Provided\\_By\\_CASLPO\\_Members.pdf](http://www.caslpo.com/sites/default/uploads/files/PS_EN_Concurrent_Intervention_Provided_By_CASLPO_Members.pdf)