

## Aerodigestive Referral Guide

The Aerodigestive Center is an **interdisciplinary team** that evaluates complex airway and digestive tract disorders in children.



### Conditions treated:

- Airway obstruction
- Airway anomalies
- Chronic aspiration
- Dysphagia
- Esophageal atresia
- Laryngomalacia, tracheomalacia, and bronchomalacia
- Esophageal stricture
- Laryngeal cleft
- Vascular rings and slings
- Recurrent pneumonia
- Sialorrhea
- Stridor
- Tracheal atresia
- Tracheal stenosis
- Tracheoesophageal fistula

### Conditions **not** treated include:

- Pediatric Feeding Disorders (Feeding Team)
- The Voice Program (ENT led)



### Send referrals to Central Scheduling.

- **internal referral via Children's Epic**  
Send an ambulatory referral to Aero Digestive Clinic (ADC)
- **external referral via Epic**  
Send to CHW GASTROENTEROLOGY CLINICS. Include Aerodigestive Center in the notes / comments.
- **via Fax**  
(414) 607-5288

### What a patient/family can expect:

- All referrals are triaged by members of our Aerodigestive Team to determine if appropriate to treat. We will make every effort to explain the rationale when a referral is denied and offer alternative resources to the referring provider by letter.
- If referral is accepted, the family will be called to schedule. Families will be asked to share a history with the team by filling out a new patient history questionnaire prior to their appointment.
- During the patient's evaluation appointment, depending on the patient's needs, a flexible laryngoscope may be done in the clinic which allows us a quick look at the child's upper airway anatomy and function.
- Evaluations are completed by a Gastroenterologist, Otolaryngologist, Pediatric Surgeon, Pulmonologist, Speech Pathologist, a Registered Dietitian, and a Nurse.
- The interdisciplinary team will deem the appropriateness for additional treatment at the end of the assessment and work with the family to schedule appointments for follow up care with team members based on individual patient needs. Treatment options may include outpatient treatment, future procedure (triple scope), imaging, or a referral to another sub-specialty.