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Do I meet the Criteria for Enrollment in EFMP?

EFMP is an acronym for the Exceptional Family Member Program. It is a program for family members who have special medical and/or educational needs.

Ask your Primary Care Manager if you are eligible, or contact your EFMP coordinator for more information.

Air Force:	**449-5892 or 449-6474**
Army:	**433-6205**
Coast Guard:	**831-2762 or 541-1584**
Marine Corps:	**257-7783**
Navy:	**473-4416 ext. 310**

Tripler Feeding Clinic

A multidisciplinary team through the Department of Pediatrics Exceptional Family Member Program.

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What is the Pediatric Feeding Team?

A multidisciplinary team that assesses infants and/or children with feeding and/or swallowing problems.

Who are the Team Members?

Generally involves the:

- Speech/language Pathologist,
- Occupational Therapist
- Primary Care Physician, and Family member.

Other specialty providers that may be consulted include:

- Child Psychologist
- Community Health Nurse
- Developmental Pediatrician
- Dietician
- Gastroenterologist
- Medical Social Worker
- Physical Therapist
- Pulmonologist
- Radiologist

I should be concerned if my child has two or more of the following feeding related problems:

Signs/symptoms of feeding problems may include:

- Difficulty sucking/nippling or breast feeding;
- Difficulty transitioning to age appropriate textures/diet;
- Poor weight gain and growth;
- Coughing/choking/gagging during mealtimes;
- Unable to complete a meal within 30 minutes;
- Picky eater (difficulty tolerating various tastes, textures and smells) and/or
- Excessive behavioral problems during mealtimes.

Alerting Medical Symptoms Include:

- Persistent/frequent low grade fevers (99-101^0), upper respiratory illnesses, excessive/persistent drooling and difficulty managing his/her secretions.

How Do We Help?

- Evaluation / diagnosis of feeding / swallowing disorders.
- Provide treatment plan for the family/ schools and health care provider.
- Refer to specialty providers as needed.
- Provide support/consultation to family and outside agencies.
- Assist with treatment plan/program to transition from tube to oral feeding; and
- Re-evaluations as needed to update and monitor continued progress.

To arrange a Feeding Team Consultation, contact your Primary Care Provider to request a consult to the Exceptional Family Member Program Feeding Team.

For more information or questions, please call:
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