The leading centre of its kind, the Centre for Brain & Mental Health is an innovative initiative that optimizes the well-being of children with brain disorders, and their families, through the integration of transformative research, clinical care, and education.

The Centre for Brain & Mental Health’s clinical activity is primarily based in five departments – Neurology, Neurosurgery, Psychiatry, Psychology, and Social Work.

Together we will change the future of child health.

Every child deserves a healthy start, a strong mind, and a bright future.

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By pioneering new understanding of the brain, new technology, and new therapies, the Centre for Brain & Mental Health will transform brain and mental health across the lifespan and has the potential to touch every Canadian family.

Mental Health

The Department of Psychiatry is dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of knowledge about mental disorders in children and adolescents through the provision of ethical, evidence-informed clinical care, teaching and research.

1 in 5 individuals will experience a mental health disorder in their lifetime.

Neurology and Neurosurgery

Brain health has a lifelong impact on children, families and society and is the remaining major challenge in child health.

Each year, SickKids performs 600 operations to help treat abnormalities involving the child’s brain, spinal cord and nervous system.

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DID YOU KNOW?

90% of what we have learned about the brain has been in the past 15 years, but researchers still have far to go toward fully understanding brain function.

Paediatric stroke affects approximately 5 per 100,000 children per year or over 200 children annually in Ontario.

1 in 100 people have Autism Spectrum Disorder: 4 out of 5 are male.

There are 1,000+ diseases that affect the brain and nervous system.

Sources: The Hospital for Sick Children; Canadian Mental Health Association; Statistics Canada