

FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS: QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT TRANSITIONING TO ADULT HEALTH CARE

DURING YOUR ADOLESCENT YEARS:

- When do I start to meet with you on my own for part of the visit to become more independent when it comes to my own health and health care?
- What do I need to learn to get ready for adult health care? Do you have a checklist of self-care skills that I need to learn?
- Can I work with you to prepare a Medical Summary and Emergency care Plan?
- When I turn 18, what information about privacy and consent do I need to know about? If I need help with making health decisions, where can I get information about this?
- At what age do I need to change to a new doctor for adult health care?
- Do you have any suggestions of adult doctors to transfer to?

BEFORE MAKING THE FIRST APPOINTMENT TO A NEW ADULT DOCTOR:

- Do you take my health insurance?
- Where is your office located? Is there parking or is it near a metro/bus stop?
- What are your office hours, and do you have walk-in times?
- What is your policy about making and cancelling appointments?
- If needed, can the new adult doctor help me find adult specialty doctors?

BEFORE THE FIRST VISIT TO THE NEW ADULT DOCTOR:

- Did you receive my medical summary from my pediatric doctor? (Call your pediatric doctor to remind them to send the medical summary before your first visit to the new adult doctor.)
- What should I bring to the first visit?