



QUESTIONS TO ASK POTENTIAL ADULT CARE PHYSICIANS

Conduct brief telephone interviews to ask questions to give you some basis for selection. You should call the office to first check if the physician is accepting new patients and your insurance coverage. Make a telephone appointment or an office appointment to ask the doctor a few questions.

Ask the physician:

- What percentage of the doctor's patients has a health condition similar to yours? Is his/her staff familiar with your health condition?
- Is the office accessible? What are the office hours?
- About the doctor's education, specialty training and board certification?
- How much time is usually spent with patients for routine office visits? Ask if he/she allows enough time to answer questions.
- If the doctor's treatment plan doesn't help your condition, will he/she be willing to send you to another physician for evaluation and/or treatment?
- How can the doctor be reached after hours?
- Does the doctor have a method to communicate with your specialists?
- Will the doctor be able to see you rather than one of his/her partners?
- Would the doctor be willing to discuss your health history and special needs with your pediatric provider?

Ask yourself:

- Does the doctor listen to your questions or is he/she constantly interrupting you?
- Can the doctor communicate clearly without using confusing terminology?