



Henry Ford Internal Medicine ***Approach to Healthcare Transition***

Henry Ford Internal Medicine welcomes young adults, including those with special health care needs, to our practice. We aim to provide high quality, comprehensive, and confidential health care to meet young adults' unique needs.

Our practice places the young adult, ages 18 and older, in the center of his/her own health care, with the health care provider as a partner in supporting your health goals. This means that adult providers do not discuss any aspects of your care with anyone else unless you specifically ask that we do. We understand that some young adults involve family and close friends in their health care decisions and would like their provider to share information with those close to them. To allow others to be involved in your health care decisions requires that a signed consent form be completed, which is available at the clinic. For young adults unable to provide consent, we will need legal documentation about decision-making arrangements.

If you are transferring to our practice from another Henry Ford physician, we share a common electronic medical record so your information will be readily available to us. We ask that new patients transferring to our practice from a physician outside of Henry Ford obtain a medical summary or medical record and send it to us before the first appointment. If you are unable to send us your records before your first appointment, we will be happy to see you and will request your information during that visit.

We make every effort to coordinate the transfer of care with previous providers, including communicating with pediatric providers and assisting with transfer of specialty care, as needed. Having your medical information in advance helps to ensure greater continuity of care and a better experience for you.

Your health is important to us, and we look forward to having you as a new patient. During your transition to our practice - we will clarify the adult approach to care and provide information regarding our practice and how best to meet your needs. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.