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# Healthcare Transfer Tool

*Planning a transfer from paediatric to adult care for young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities*

## Introduction

Paediatric healthcare providers and family physicians can use this tool to proactively plan a transfer from child to adult providers with their patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The form guides a quick review of what is known about the patient's current needs and helps to identify what providers will be needed in the future. It outlines steps to pro-actively address gaps in planning the patient's healthcare transfer.

## How to use this tool

**A - REVIEW PATIENT NEEDS:** Identify services or providers to be included in the transfer plan based on the patient's current needs. It is not necessary to summarize detailed health information. Leave sections blank if unsure and focus on identifying providers and supports that will be needed in the adult system.

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**B - IDENTIFY GAPS:** List all pediatric providers and the expected plan for transfer.

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**C - PLAN FOR TRANSFER:** If a gap is identified in step B, specify how to address this and plan for next steps. Highlight which documents to consider sending to adult providers.

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### Patient Name

First

Last

### DOB:

**A Review patients needs** Review sections below to help identify services and providers to be included in transfer plan and information relevant to include in referrals. Potential services and/or needed professionals are italicized.

### Intellectual and Developmental Disability

#### Confirmed diagnoses, psychological assessment available

Mild intellectual disability  
Moderate intellectual disability  
Severe intellectual disability

Profound intellectual disability  
Autism spectrum disorder  
Other:

#### Psychological assessment needed

For eligibility for services  
To clarify diagnosis  
Other:

### Adaptive Functioning

Patient is independent in ADLs and IADLs  
Independent in ADLs but requires support for instrumental activities of daily living IADLS (eg, finances, scheduling, shopping)

Need help (prompting) for some ADLS  
Needs help with all activities of daily living (ADLS) (dressing, bathing, eating, toileting)

**Need for community services/supports** (respite, home care, etc.):  
**Notes:**

### Services, Supports and Funding

Application for adult social services and income supports initiated (eg, in Ontario, Ontario Disability Support Program and Developmental Services Ontario)

Yes No Unsure

Notes (eligibility, intake, waitlists, service needed etc.):

### Communication

Patient first language:

Caregiver first language:

Notes:

Uses a device, board or method other than speech. Alternative augmentative communication (AAC)

**Translator needed**  
**Alternative Augmentative Communication Clinic needed**  
**Notes:**

### Healthcare Decision Making History

Has been mostly independent  
Has needed some help from Substitute Decision Maker (SDM)  
Has required SDM

SDM has been identified as:

**Legal assistance needed to identify SDM or clarify role**

Note: Decision making capacity is decision specific and not static. Patients with IDD should be provided with supports and accommodations to help them to understand and appreciate decisions.<sup>[x]</sup>

**Health information:** List in point form diagnoses and active medical concerns requiring ongoing follow-up in adulthood

### B. Identify Gaps

List all paediatric providers in the left column and the corresponding adult providers in the middle column.

#### Paediatric

Type of Provider: i.e. Primary care, type of specialist, allied health, community services, vision, hearing, dental.

Primary Care:

Dentist:-

Provider:

Provider:

Provider:

Provider:

#### Adult

Type of Provider: i.e. Primary care, type of specialist, allied health, community services, vision, hearing, dental.

Primary Care:

Dentist:

Provider:

Provider:

Provider:

Provider:

### C. Transfer Plan

If a gap is discovered in adult providers, identify who will address this and the next steps in the plan.

Who will work on this? i.e. Patient, family or a provider.

Transfer Plan:

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List all paediatric providers in the left column and the corresponding adult providers in the middle column.

### Paediatric

Type of Provider: i.e. Primary care, type of specialist, allied health, community services, vision, hearing, dental.

Other (i.e. Respite, funding supports, social worker)

Other (i.e. Allied Health, Community)

### Adult

Type of Provider: i.e. Primary care, type of specialist, allied health, community services, vision, hearing, dental.

Other (i.e. Services and funding for adults with disabilities, social worker)

Other (i.e. Allied Health, Community)

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Transfer Plan:

Transfer Plan:

### Records to accompany transfer:

Cumulative Patient Profile (CPP) or patient summary (including medications, medical history).

Immunization record

Key assessments, reports, lab results, notes

Genetic assessment report

Psychological and functional assessment reports

Emergency Care Plan or protocols (eg, seizures)

Mental Health Crisis Plan

Health Crisis Plan

Other:

### Notes

## Supporting materials

### Practice tools

- i. **SHARE: Transition Checklist for Youth with IDD and Caregivers**  
Developmental Disabilities Primary Care Program of Surrey Place, Toronto, Ontario  
<https://ddprimarycare.surreyplace.ca/tools-2/general-health/transitions/>
- ii. **SHARE Transition Plan: Talking about transition with young people with developmental disabilities and their families**  
Developmental Disabilities Primary Care Program of Surrey Place, Toronto, Ontario  
<https://ddprimarycare.surreyplace.ca/tools-2/general-health/transitions/>
- iii. **Transitioning to Adult Care, Good 2 Go Program [website]**  
Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto  
<http://www.sickkids.ca/patient-family-resources/resource-navigation-service/transitioning-to-adult-care/index.html>
- iv. **Got Transition [website]**  
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