

**For Anything to Change,  
Someone Must Start  
Acting Differently:**



**Transition from Pediatric to  
Adult Medical Care**

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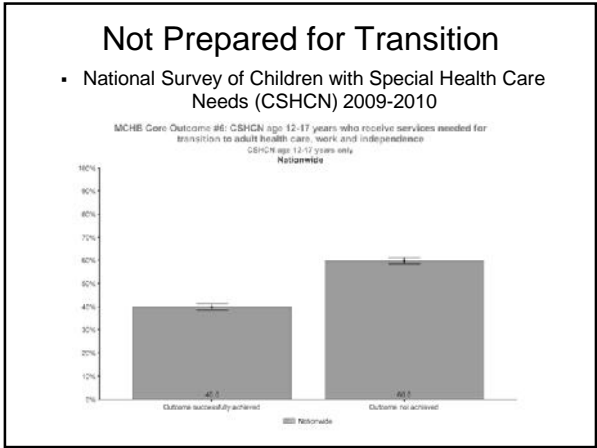
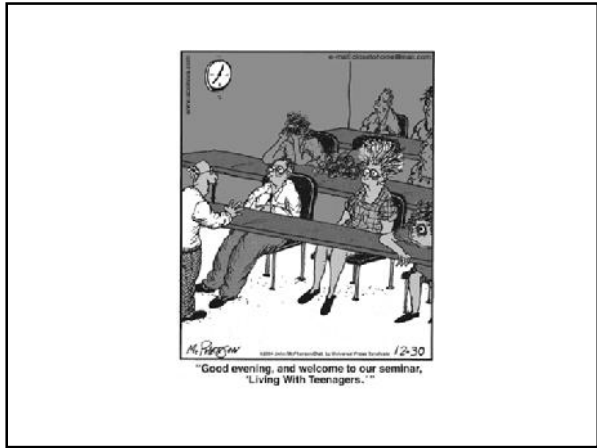
## Importance of Transition and Oregon Data

### Game Plan

- Importance of Transition and Oregon Data
- Pediatric and Adult Data
- Challenges for Young Adults
- Transition Approaches
- Resources and Recommendations

### Transition = Major Medical Issue

- >500,000 youth turn 18 years of age each year
  - Eventually transition to adult care
- Transition away from home difficult for all
  - Especially those with special health care needs



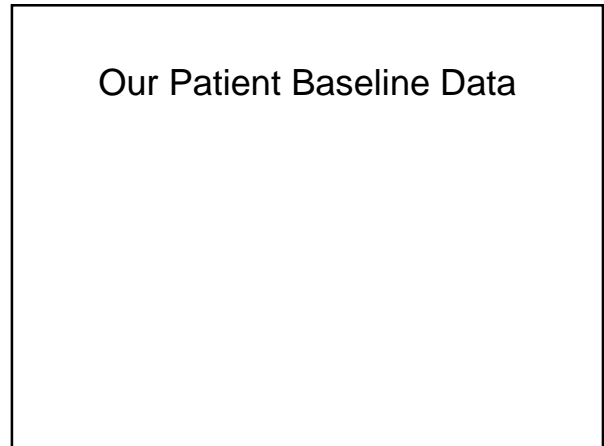
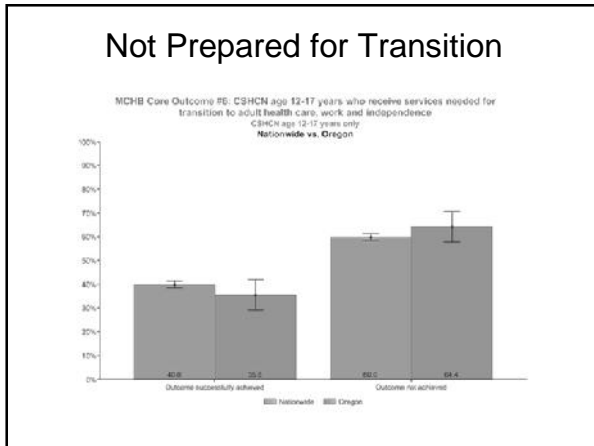


Table 2

STATE	Meeting National Transition Outcome	Percentage of Youth with HCP About Transition	Discussion about transition with HCP	Percentage of Youth with HCP about transition	Percentage of Youth with HCP about transition	Percentage of Youth with HCP about transition
<b>NATIONWIDE</b>	47%	67%	42%	28%	27%	65%
Alaska	54	59	25	29	25	58
Arizona	36	44	39	24	15	38
Arkansas	53	52	21	23	16	61
California	53	48	37	24	17	61
Colorado	52	62	32	27	19	62
Connecticut	59	66	38	29	21	56
Delaware	55	52	36	22	13	58
District of Columbia	55	62	23	28	16	56
Florida	45	51	32	26	17	61
Georgia	46	50	30	22	16	58
Idaho	41	38	26	26	18	52
Illinois	47	56	26	30	16	66
Indiana	47	57	37	28	17	54
Iowa	45	58	34	33	17	61
Kansas	47	60	33	28	20	62
Kentucky	46	48	26	27	17	54
Louisiana	45	52	20	24	20	61
Maine	46	37	21	24	27	55
Massachusetts	56	56	29	28	18	68
Michigan	49	58	32	27	21	61
Minnesota	44	48	25	41	21	64
Mississippi	41	38	20	22	21	51
Missouri	47	58	33	24	14	61
Montana	41	57	29	28	21	66
Nebraska	42	43	23	42	28	67
Nevada	42	48	23	33	25	61
New Hampshire	42	54	20	34	24	58
New Jersey	47	68	31	28	18	61
New Mexico	41	44	27	25	21	62
New York	47	64	33	24	14	61
North Carolina	41	44	27	25	21	62
North Dakota	41	44	27	25	21	62
Ohio	41	44	27	25	21	62
Oklahoma	41	44	27	25	21	62
Oregon	40.6	59.4	35.1	24.9	15.1	64.9
Rhode Island	47	58	33	24	14	61
South Carolina	41	44	27	25	21	62
South Dakota	41	44	27	25	21	62
Tennessee	41	44	27	25	21	62
Texas	41	44	27	25	21	62
Utah	41	44	27	25	21	62
Vermont	41	44	27	25	21	62
Virginia	41	44	27	25	21	62
Washington	41	44	27	25	21	62
West Virginia	41	44	27	25	21	62
Wisconsin	41	44	27	25	21	62
Wyoming	41	44	27	25	21	62

Source: Analysis of the 2005 - 2006 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs, prepared by The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health for the National Health Care Transition Center.

### Our Pediatric Patient Population

Transitional Diabetes Care - Youth

Age of Child w Diabetes? (yrs.) \_\_\_\_\_ Duration of Child's Diabetes? (yrs.) \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: Private Insurance OHP or WA Medicaid No Insurance

Transitional Diabetes Care - Parent

Age of Child w Diabetes? (yrs.) \_\_\_\_\_ Duration of Child's Diabetes? (yrs.) \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: Private Insurance OHP or WA Medicaid No Insurance

- My family has talked about the eventual need to transition diabetes care from a pediatric to adult doctor. Yes No
- I have brought up the issue of transition of care with our diabetes doctor/nurses. Yes No
- I am anxious and worried about transitioning care from my pediatric diabetes doctor/nurses to adult diabetes doctor/nurses. Yes No
- I have received or been presented with information regarding transition to adult diabetes care services from the clinic. Yes No
- I have obtained information regarding transition to adult diabetes care services either from websites or other sources outside of the clinic. Yes No
- The doctor/nurses have brought up the issue of transition from pediatric to adult care with me. Yes No
- It is my family's responsibility to transition care to adult diabetes doctors. Yes No
- It is the adult and pediatric diabetes doctors who are responsible for transitioning care. Yes No
- It is my understanding that adult diabetes care will involve a diabetes doctor, diabetes educator. Yes No

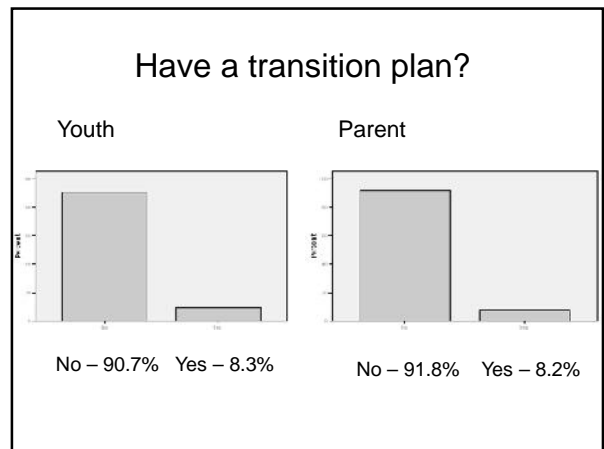
### Oregon Data

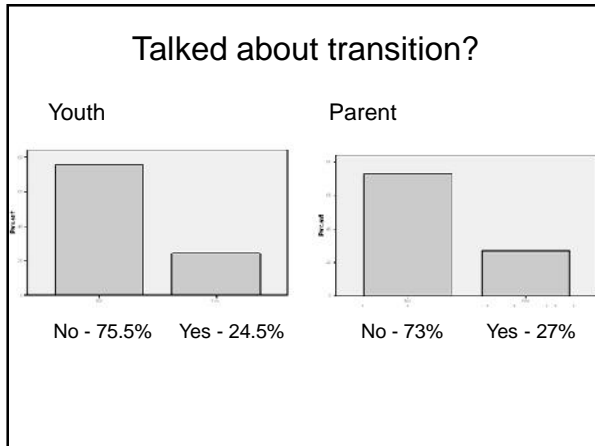
Table 3. Trends in State Performance on National Transition Outcome and Related Components, 2005/2006 and 2009/2010

STATE	Meeting National Transition Outcome	Discussion with HCP About Transition	Discussion with HCP About Changing Health Needs	Encouragement by HCP to Take Increased Responsibility for Care	Discussion About Insurance Needed But Not Reported
Oregon	44.38**	127.19**	297.30**	207.29**	11749**

\*\*Significant at the 1% level

Source: Information for this table was obtained from the 2005/2006 and 2009/2010 NS-CSS-CN available for analysis from the Data Resources Center for Child and Adolescent Health. Prepared by The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health for the National Health Care Transition Center, January 2012.

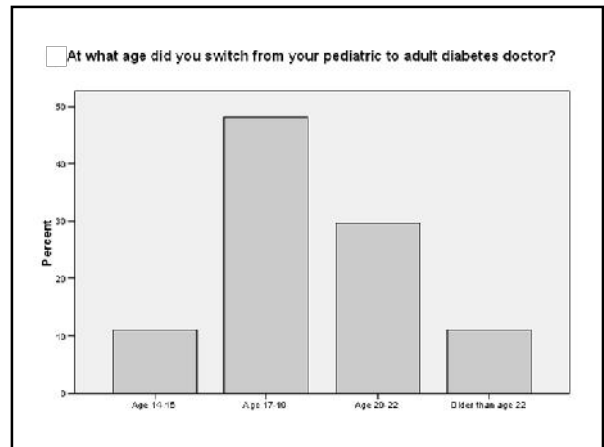
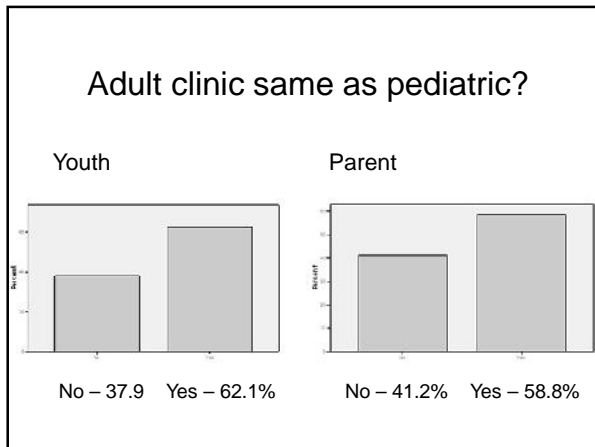




### Our Adult Patient Population

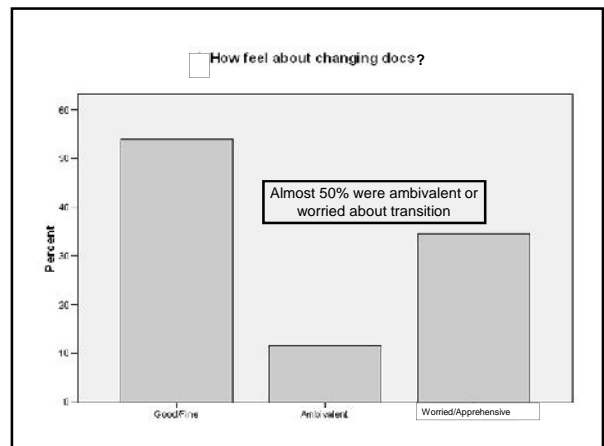
We are trying to discover the best way to transition our child patients with type 1 diabetes to adult diabetes providers. We would like to learn more about your experience in that process. Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

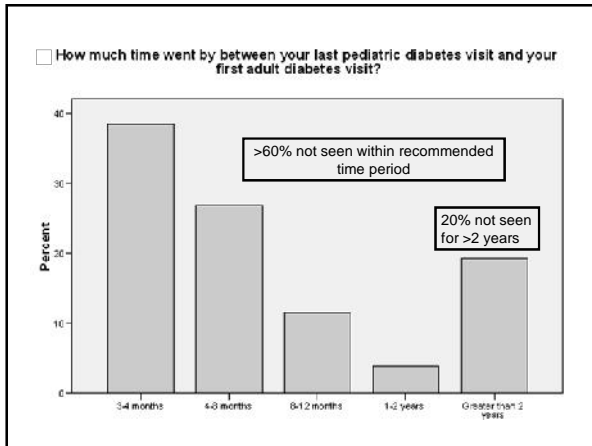
- At what age were you diagnosed with Diabetes? Age \_\_\_\_\_
- At what age did you switch from your childhood diabetes doctor? Select one answer from below:
  - Age 14-16
  - Age 17-19
  - Age 20-22
  - Older than age 22
  - Always had the same MD, never switched
- What was your reason for changing to a new doctor? \_\_\_\_\_
- How did you feel about changing doctors at this time? \_\_\_\_\_
- How much time went by between your last pediatric diabetes visit and your first adult diabetes visit? Select one:
  - 3-4 months
  - 4-6 months
  - 6-12 months
  - 1-2 years
  - Greater than 2 years
- How did you find an adult diabetes doctor? Check one please:
  - Always seen by an adult MD
  - Went to a transition clinic with both a pediatric and adult MD
  - Pediatric MD recommended an adult MD
  - Recommendation from a patient, friend, family member
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_



### Timing of Transition?

Timing of Transition	Youth Responses (in years)	Parent Responses (in years)
"At what age do you feel the diabetes clinic should begin talking about transition with patients?"	17.0 (SD = 1.67)	16.6 (SD = 1.75)
"At what age do you feel pediatric patients should start seeing the doctor/nurse alone?"	17.5 (SD = 1.68)	17.7 (SD = 1.68)
"At what age do you feel young people should be transitioned from pediatric to adult care?"	18.2 (SD = 1.64)	18.3 (SD = 1.60)





## Challenges of Transition

### Interruption of Care

- Worst metabolic control
  - ↓ follow up
  - ↑ hospitalizations
- More complications

Problems	Calgary (n=79)	Montreal (n=135)
Problems during transition reported by patients (%)	16	33
Interruption of care** (%)	11	10
Currently without regular follow-up (%)	11	11
Either expressed having a problem or had a loss of follow-up (%)	12	10

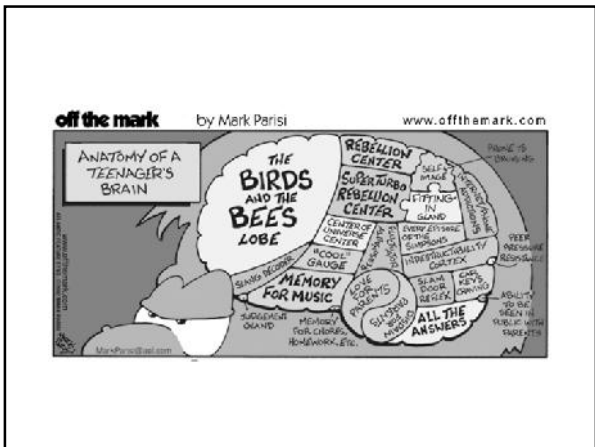
\*No statistical difference was found between the 2 cities.  
 Results expressed as a percentage of respondents.  
 \*\*Defined as a delay of >12 months between 2 medical visits.

Wysocki et al. J Dev Behav Pediatr 1992; 13(3), 194-201.  
 Pacaud et al. Can J Diabetes 2005; 29:13-18.



### Lessons Learned

- No transition plan
- ~17 years
  - Discuss transition
  - See doctor alone
  - Actually transition
- Worried/anxious
- Delay before first adult visit



### Inability to Assess Risk

- Is it wise to...
  - Swim with sharks?
  - Drink Drano?
  - Set your hair on fire?
- Is anyone surprised?

Age Group	Reaction Time (ms)
ADULT	~1580
ADOLESCENT	~1750

Baird & Fugelsang, Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London, Series B: Biological Sciences, 2004, 359:1797-1804.

### Additional Challenges: Access to Health Care

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 Annual Social and Economic (ASEC) Supplement.

### Frontal Lobe Development Incomplete

**Gray matter:** Nerve cell bodies and fibers that make up the bulk of the brain's computing power.

**Parietal lobe:** Spatial perception

**Occipital lobe:** Vision

**Temporal lobe:** Memory, hearing, language

**Frontal lobe:** Planning, emotional control, problem solving

**Gray matter density**

Gray matter becomes less dense as the brain matures.

More dense  Less dense

Nitin Gogtay et al. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 2004

### Differences Between Adult and Pediatric Clinics

### Multiple Transitions

- Graduation
  - College
  - Work
- Future career
- Leaving home
- Taking over diabetes care
- Loss of insurance

### Pediatric ➡ Adult Medical Care

- “Family focused” ➡ “Self-care focused”
- Development/Behavior ➡ Medical problem
- Support = parents ➡ Support = friends
- Physician with parents ➡ Physician alone
- Supportive ➡ Expectations
- Insured ➡ Uninsured

\*\*\* Not all providers fit into these categories. \*\*\*

Sawyer et al. J Paediatr Child Health 1997; 33:88-90  
Vseintin K et al. J Clin Nurs 2006; 15(6): 761-769.



## Successful Models Outside US

- Canada, UK, Australia
  - The Maestro Project
  - Drop out rate
    - 40% 11%
- Components
  - Pediatric, adult clinic
  - Coordinator
  - Educational program



Van Walleghem et al. Chronic Dis Can 2006; 27(3):130-134.

## Control Matters

- Short term improvement beneficial DCCT
  - Intensive treatment = delayed complications
  - Poor control = earlier complications
- EDIC
  - Continued ↓ risk 4 years later
  - Even if diabetes control worsened

## Challenges with Outside Models

- Different healthcare systems
- Limited generalizability
- Insufficient resources/staff
- Inadequate funding
- Expensive

## Transition Models and Challenges

## What are clinics doing?

- Current Approaches
  - Patient and parent education
  - Transition coordinators
- Problems
  - Insufficient personal
  - Lack of funding
  - Not universally applicable
  - Not research based
  - Expensive

## Minimal Research in US...

- ...but definite interest!
- Expert opinions available
- Clinical reports and guidelines
- No successful models
- Need more systematic, research-based approach

Bryden et al. Diabetes Care 2003; 26:1052-1057.    Nakhla et al. JPEM 2008; 21:507-516.  
Court et al. Diabetes in adolescence. Pediatr Diabetes 2009; 10(Suppl. 12):185-194.  
Weissberg-Benchell et al. Diabetes Care 2007; 30(10):2441-2446.

## Are we focusing on the wrong people?

Maybe providers are the critical first step?  
Education about the transition process and challenges  
Increased comfort with transition issues

## What can we do to help?

Consider patients, providers, and clinic

## What about adult providers?

Adult providers may be uncomfortable  
Teens and young adults very different

- Used to more supportive environment
- Don't typically do what provider recs
- Don't really care

## Why do our patients struggle?

Not prepared  
Not aware  
Not planning  
Providers aren't certain what they need

- Education? Resources? Discussions?

## Provider-Focused Intervention

- Passive, didactic education not successful
- Problem-based learning physician interventions
  - Successfully changed physician behaviors
  - Improved patient outcomes

Davis et al. JAMA 1999;282:867-836.  
Davis et al. Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology 2004;93(3):237-242.

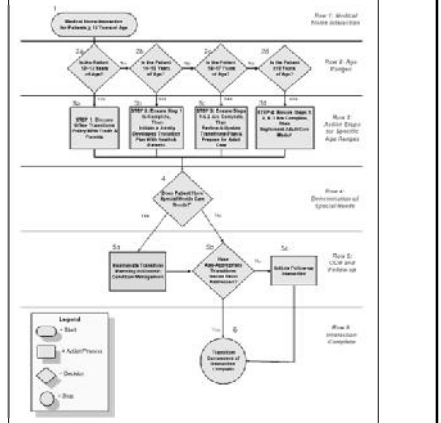
## Pediatric and Adult Providers Learning Together

- Cases presented
- Approaches discussed
- Potential barriers reviewed
- Potential solutions discussed
- Goals established
- Additional resources

## Health Care Transition Planning Algorithm

From AAP, AFP, ACP

Clinical Report – Supporting the Health Care Transition from Adolescence to Adulthood in the Medical Home. Pediatrics. 2011 Jul;128(1):182-200.



## What can we do now?

Begin transition process, plan at diagnosis

– The Society of Adolescent Medicine, 2003

Visits alone

– Huang et al.

- Wanted increased self-management

– Reid et al.

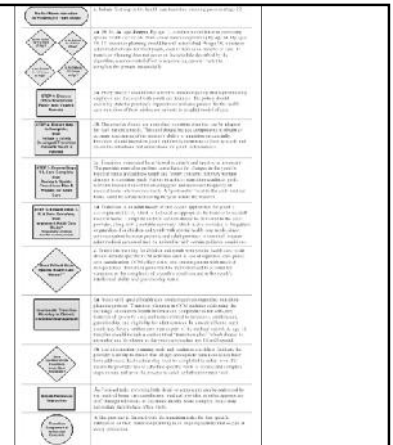
- Seen alone earlier = More successful transition
- OR = 6.59

Adults and peds work together

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## Recommendations and Resources





## Six Core Elements Health Care Transition

Pediatric Health Care Settings	Adult Health Care Settings
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<b>2. Transition Team/Registry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify transitioning youth (patients/families) and assign a transition readiness monitor or coordinator, planning and substance (e.g. coordination of care)</li> </ul>	<b>2. Young Adult Patient Registry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify transitioning young adults in a practice setting, primary health care provider, provider assistant or nursing center of care, with ready/remote status</li> </ul>
<b>3. Transition Readiness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess and track all readiness for adult health care: self-adult and family</li> <li>Use the readiness readiness assessment (RRA) tool to address gaps in assessment, readiness, and care</li> </ul>	<b>3. Transition Response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop young adult medical readiness care: self-adult and family</li> <li>Use the primary care care for the young adult care system</li> <li>Use transition to use the readiness readiness assessment (RRA) tool to address gaps in assessment, readiness, and care</li> </ul>
<b>4. Transition Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address all health care transition readiness needs: youth and family</li> <li>Use the:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Care Transition (HCT) Action Plan: <a href="#">www.ncttc.org/transition-action-plan</a></li> <li>Transition Readiness Assessment (RRA) tool: <a href="#">www.ncttc.org/transition-readiness-assessment</a></li> <li>Portable Medical Summary (PMS) form: <a href="#">www.ncttc.org/transition-readiness-assessment</a></li> <li>Transition Care Plan (TCP) form: <a href="#">www.ncttc.org/transition-readiness-assessment</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>4. Transition Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop transitioning young adult transfer "get acquainted" materials and/or materials to be a later letter transfer prior to that first visit, transfer form: <a href="#">www.ncttc.org/transition-readiness-assessment</a></li> <li>Health Care Transition (HCT) Action Plan: <a href="#">www.ncttc.org/transition-action-plan</a></li> <li>Transition Readiness Assessment (RRA) tool: <a href="#">www.ncttc.org/transition-readiness-assessment</a></li> <li>Portable Medical Summary (PMS) form: <a href="#">www.ncttc.org/transition-readiness-assessment</a></li> <li>Transition Care Plan (TCP) form: <a href="#">www.ncttc.org/transition-readiness-assessment</a></li> </ul>

## NATIONAL HEALTH CARE TRANSITION CENTER Pediatric to Adult Diabetes Care TRANSITION PLANNING CHECKLIST

**Transition Planning Checklist**

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- Review and update about every 3 years

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## Six Core Elements Health Care Transition

<b>5. Transition and Transfer of Care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer from pediatric to new adult care location:</li> <li>Assure direct communication with adult PCP and team (email, phone, in person "handshake")</li> <li>Use the tool - Transfer of Care Checklist (<a href="#">www.ncttc.org/transition-readiness-assessment</a>)</li> <li>Send a "Transition Package" containing a transfer letter and forms named above and in the Transfer of Care Checklist</li> <li>Initiate or coordinate specialty transitions as appropriate</li> <li>Transition to young adult model of care in same location: See Core Elements 3, 4, and 5 in the right-hand column</li> </ul>	<b>5. Transition and Transfer of Care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer from pediatric to new adult care location:</li> <li>Review Transfer of Care Checklist (<a href="#">www.ncttc.org/transition-readiness-assessment</a>)</li> <li>Send a "Transition Package" to prepare for initial visits</li> <li>Talk with and receive communications from pediatric PCP/team (email, phone, in person "handshake")</li> <li>Provide office visit/consultations for transitioning young adults and continue with transition preparation and planning as needed</li> <li>Transition to young adult model of care in same location</li> <li>Clarify PCP and coordinator of care contacts for young adult patients: implement Core Elements 3 and 4 as indicated; assist on-going specialty care transfers</li> </ul>
<b>6. Transition Completion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pediatric PCP/team are a resource for adult transitioning patient and their adult PCP/team following care transfer: pediatric PCP/team contact with adult PCP/team ~3 months post transfer to ensure success and continuity of care</li> <li>Transition/transfer is deemed complete</li> </ul>	<b>6. Transition Completion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult with pediatric PCP/team as needed; the young adult model of care; the adult provider delivers successful and complete HCT</li> <li>Continue forward with a young adult model of care and appropriate care planning for all patients</li> </ul>

## Summary

- Transition of medical care is important and challenging
- Current transition approaches are non-existent or not working
- Resources and recommendations are available
- Evidence-based research is needed
- Focus on providers critical first step?

**NATIONAL HEALTH CARE TRANSITION CENTER**

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**MISSION**  
The National Health Care Transition Center (NCTTC) is a non-profit organization that provides information, resources, and support to help young adults with chronic health conditions transition from pediatric to adult health care settings.

**VALUES**  
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## Questions

A cartoon illustration showing a doctor in a white coat and a patient sitting in a chair. The doctor is pointing at the patient and speaking. A speech bubble from the doctor says, "YOUR PROBLEM IS THAT YOU ALWAYS TALK INSTEAD OF LISTEN!". The patient is looking at the doctor with a somewhat frustrated or questioning expression.

### Thank You

- HSDHC Transitions Committee
- Michael Harris, PhD
- Danny Duke, PhD
- Cheryl Hanna, MD
- Bruce Boston, MD

### Not Prepared for Transition

- National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) 2005-2006
  - >161,000 with diabetes

**MCHB Core Outcomes & Performance Measures**

Note: Shaded estimates do not meet the National Center for Health Statistics standard for reliability or precision (RSE greater than 30%).

		Among CSHCN WITH condition	Among CSHCN WITHOUT condition
<b>MCHB Core Outcome Measures</b>			
<small>Youth with special health care needs who receive the services necessary to make appropriate transitions to adult health care, work, and independence (ages 12-17 only)</small>			
Nationwide	%	45.7	41.2
	Est. # CSHCN	41,532	1,588,500

Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative. 2005/2006 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs, Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health website. Retrieved 10/28/2010 from [www.cshcndata.org](http://www.cshcndata.org)

### Our Goal: Research Driven Practice

- Transitions committee
  - Research before development
- ID population
- Needs assessment
  - Tailor education and program

### Not Prepared for Transition

Outcome #6: Youth with special health care needs who receive the services necessary to make appropriate transitions to adult health care, work and independence -- CSHCN age 12-17 years only (details)

	Outcome successfully achieved	Outcome not achieved	Total %
%	40.0	60.0	100.0
C.I.	(38.7 - 41.4)	(58.6 - 61.3)	
n	7,195	9,027	
Pop. Est.	1,708,799	2,582,129	

C.I. = 95% Confidence Interval. Percentages are weighted to population characteristics. n = Cell size. Use caution in interpreting Cell sizes less than 50.

### Assessment of Intervention

- Metabolic control patients
- Self-management
- Follow up
- Patient and parent opinions
- Provider opinions

### Our Population

- N = 123 (Parent/Youth Pairs)
- Age 15.46 yrs
- Duration 6.05 yrs
- Type 1 DM 93.8%
- Insurance
  - Private 75%
  - Medicaid 19.8%
  - None 3.1%
  - Unsure 2.1%

## Adult Questionnaire

- < 28 years of age
- Previously transitioned
- Information on experience
- N = 40