

## Dekalb Pediatric Center – Confidentiality

We share this information at well visits with our patients 11 years and older.

We encourage independence and honest answers that we can discuss CONFIDENTIALLY with your teen at their visit.

Here is a brief description of our PRIVACY POLICY FOR BOTH PARENTS AND TEENS to understand:

For Parents: We encourage participation of parents in the health care of our adolescents; however, what your son/daughter tells us is confidential. We encourage discussions between you and your teenager on any topic. If your son/daughter is in immediate danger or needs further treatment, we will inform you and include you in any discussions.

For Teens: We are asking you some personal questions that we ask of all our teens so we may take the very best care of you. All the questions you answer on this form and any discussions we have will be confidential, in other words stay between you and your doctor, but with certain limits. The exception is if you tell us someone is hurting you, or if you are hurting or planning to hurt yourself or someone else, then we will have to tell others and get them involved to help keep you or the other person safe.

When a teen reaches the age of 18 all medical information can only be shared with a parent with consent from the teen. (per the law)