



## Guiding Questions for a Doctor

Although all doctors for individuals with developmental disabilities have guidelines, they may vary from location or practice. Use the following questions to guide discussions with doctors that you are interested in in order to better prepare the autistic individual and their supporting team to choose a doctor and work collaboratively with them to ensure long-term success.

Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Contact/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions	Answers, Related Resources, Suggestions
1.	
2. What is your experience working with an autistic individual? How many patients do you see with autism?	
3. Does your support staff have training specific to autism?	

<p>4. What insurance do you accept? Is there a sliding fee scale?</p>	
<p>5. Are you a pediatrician? Or are you Board Certified in both pediatrics and medicine?</p>	
<p>6. Can we have a consultation prior to making our first appointment?</p>	
<p>7. Is it possible to have the first appointment in the morning in order to minimize waiting time?</p>	
<p>8. What is your waiting room like? Is it sensory friendly, a quiet space or has toys?</p>	

<p>9. Do you provide the direct care for all medical related procedures? For example, blood draws, vaccinations or shots, vision and hearing tests.</p> <p>If not, is the individual who provides these services experienced in working with autistic individuals?</p>	
<p>10. What is your approach to working with a non-verbal child or young adult?</p>	
<p>11. Are you able to participate in team meetings and/or provide written reports?</p>	
<p>12. What happens if my child gets sick after hours?</p>	

13. Who takes over care of your patients if you are not available?	
14. If my child gets hospitalized, will you see him/her in the hospital?	