



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Wellport is an electronic health information network that allows physicians and other health care clinicians more timely and reliable access to your child's personal health information. By making such access available, Wellport seeks to improve the safety, quality, and efficiency of the health care that your child receives. It is owned and operated by the Whittier Independent Practice Association, a non-profit association of physicians in the Merrimack Valley founded in 1984.

First, Wellport will compile a frequently updated listing of some of your child's personal health information – called a Clinical Health Summary – to be shared with clinicians in our medical community who are involved in your child's medical care. Second, Wellport is pleased to provide your child with a Personal Health Summary that includes much of the same information accessible through the Wellport Website.

The Wellport Health Information Exchange recognizes your child's privacy and security rights to protected health information. We want children between the ages of 12 and 17 to be able to feel comfortable that they have the same privacy protection around their health information that they have with their doctors and nurses. That is why your child will be issued his or her own username and password. Your child may decide to share that information with you. While your access to your child's information on the Wellport HIE will be dependent upon your child, it is not your child's official medical record.

Your child of 12 years of age and over is being asked to personally sign an assent form to allow sharing his or her health information on the Wellport Health Information Exchange. This is consistent with obtaining assent from mature minors for medical procedures in recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Your consent is also required for your child's participation. Though your child and you must both give permission for your child to participate in Wellport, either you or your child may make a formal request that your child no longer participate and that request will be honored with only a single signature.

If you or your child has questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to discuss them with your clinician or other healthcare professional or contact Wellport at info@Wellporthealth.net.