

21st Century Cures Act

The 21st Century Cures Act, signed into law December 2016, makes it easier for parents and guardians to access their child's electronic health record and clinical notes. New regulations implementing this law were released in May 2020 and will take effect this November.

With the Cures Act, families will have greater access to:

- **Lab results.** This includes blood draws or tissue or urine samples. These help with diagnosis or in tracking your child's condition.
- **Imaging (radiology) results.** These are tests that provide an image of the human body. They can help your child's doctor to diagnose, monitor, or treat a medical condition. Tests may include x-rays, fluoroscopy, computed tomography (CT) scans, or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).
- **Visit (clinical) notes.** The care team writes notes that describe your child's condition and plan of care.

Here is a summary of the changes you will see in MyChart:

Type of Information	Currently in MyChart	On November 2, 2020
Lab results	You receive outpatient lab results within 48 hours after the final result (after sign-off from the doctor).	You will receive outpatient lab results on the same day results are finalized.
Imaging results	You receive imaging results 2 days after the final result.	You will receive imaging (radiology) results on the same day the doctor signs off on results.
Visit (clinical) notes	You receive limited access to doctor notes.	You will receive doctor notes as well as notes from other providers.

What changes will teens be able to see?

California has confidentiality rules. That means that parents or guardians of children 12 years or older will not have access to confidential information in MyChart. However, teens can see all the information in the table above except for clinical notes. Let your teen know about these changes and arrange for them to talk to their providers about any of their questions or concerns.

What about adult patients who have shared their MyChart access?

For adult patients who have shared their MyChart account with a family member or loved one (proxy access), please consider these new sharing rules and whether you would like to update your MyChart proxy access.

I have questions about my child's health information – how can I get help?

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call your child's medical team. Or, write up your questions for the next clinic visit. Our providers will answer your questions. They can also provide other resources if needed.

Why are these changes important?

When patients, parents or guardians have more information they:

- Better understand their /their child's care and treatment
- Become greater partners with their / their child's health care team
- Know what questions to ask their care team and better prepare for future visits

What if you find something incorrect in your child's electronic medical record or clinical notes?

If you think something is missing or incorrect you can request a change by contacting the Stanford Children's Health Information Management Systems (HIMS) Department. Visit [this web page](#) or call (650) 497-8079 to reach HIMS.