

# Partners In Health Pediatrics

# Forms:

Complete and print them for your upcoming appointment: Tuberculosis Screening Youth Checklist - please have your child complete this without your help

#### Vaccines:

We recommend the following vaccines:

None

# **Tests Recommended:**

We recommend the following tests at this age: ImPACT - for those in sports and at risk of concussion

# **14 YEARS OLD**

# FAQ

# My teenager is interested in dieting? Is this safe?

Any adolescent planning to go on a weight-loss diet should first talk with a pediatrician, who may recommend books on nutrition or provide a referral to a nutrition counselor. When it comes to adopting a vegetarian diet, it's as much about what your teenager does eat as what he does not. This should not be taken lightly and deserves your serious attention on this issue.

# **Age Appropriate Information**

# **Social and Academic Competence:**

- Monitor and be aware. Know where your adolescent is and who his friends are. Set limits.
- Provide opportunities for your adolescent to develop independent decision-making skills.
- Provide opportunities for your adolescent to find activities, other than academics, that truly interest him, especially if your child is struggling academically.
- Help your adolescent see things from another person's point of view, becoming more aware of other peoples' situations in your community.

# Safety:

- Praise your adolescent for not using tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs. Encourage him to stick to this decision.
- Consider locking your liquor cabinet and putting your prescription medicines in a place where your adolescent cannot get them.

Have discussions with your adolescent as he accepts responsibility for his decisions and relationships.