Bloomfield Pediatric Care

43205 Woodward Avenue Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

12-14 Year Old Well Visit

Growth & Development Milestones

- ✓ Girls: changes in fat distribution, pubic hair, breast development; start of menstrual period
- ✓ Boys: testicular growth, voice changes, pubic hair, "wet dreams"
- ✓ May try to experiment with body (masturbation)
- ✓ Moody, sensitive, need for privacy
- ✓ Struggles with sense of identity, social and school stressors
- ✓ Becoming more self-sufficient
- ✓ May challenge family rules and values
- ✓ Concrete rules of right and wrong
- ✓ Able to think abstractly about complex issues
- ✓ Peer pressure regarding sex, drugs and tobacco becomes intense, wanting to fit in

Fire Safety & Burns - Water Safety

- ✓ Test smoke detectors 2x/year
- ✓ Install CO alarm near sleeping areas
- ✓ Keep matches and lighters out of reach
- ✓ Have fire escape plan and PRACTICE!
- ✓ Water heater should be set at 120 degrees or less
- ✓ Watch for burn risks: stoves, space heaters, irons, fireplace
- ✓ Always supervise around open water this age group becomes risk takers!

Personal Health & Wellness

- ✓ Set good examples regarding diet and exercise
- ✓ Be aware of progress and concerns at school
- ✓ Offer healthy snacking options
- ✓ Have them prepare simple family meals
- ✓ Encourage 2-3 servings of dairy daily for bone growth & avoid juices or limit to 4 ounces/ day
- ✓ Limit junk foods, soda pop and fatty/fried foods
- ✓ Encourage at least 1 hour of physical activity daily
- ✓ Don't allow competition to get out of hand; encourage personal bests
- ✓ Encourage strict guidelines about hygiene
- ✓ Limit screen time to less than 2 hours per day and carefully monitor programming and websites
- ✓ Brush twice a day and floss daily

Home & Personal Safety

- ✓ Be aware of the dangers of outdoor trampolines
- ✓ Insect repellent (<10% DEET) may be applied once daily; wash off before bedtime
- Children require a tobacco free environment at all times
- ✓ Don't forget sunscreen!
- ✓ Wear helmets while riding bicycles, scooters, skateboards or roller blades
- ✓ Belted in the back seat until 15yrs or 57 inches!

For more information on normal growth and development:

http://www.bloomfieldpediatriccare.com/normal-development/normal-development-12-to-14-years-old/

Helpful resources:

Symptom Checker, Immunization Schedule, Medication Dosing and Nutrition

http://www.bloomfieldpediatriccare.com/pediatric-health-topics/

Office Hours:

 Monday – Friday
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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Child Safety Seat Inspection:

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