**Children’s Mercy Genetics Clinic**

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**hypermobility and/or Ehlers Danlos syndrome (EDS)**

Dear Referring Provider,

We welcome your referrals to the Genetics Clinic and look forward to meeting your patients, but we need your help in streamlining the referrals sent specifically for this indication.

Before sending a referral, please review the following:

* If your patient is under age 7, please do not refer unless you have specific documented concern for features of connective tissue disorders other than hEDS
* If you are referring due to a family history of EDS, please document the clinical concerns for your patient so we can best triage them.
* If a patient has a family history of EDS but is not hypermobile themselves (Beighton score of <5) and does not have chronic joint pain or recurrent joint dislocations, they will not meet the clinical criteria for hEDS and a referral does not need to be sent.

Thank you for your help! Please do not hesitate to call with any questions. The clinic nurses can be reached at 816-234-3771 and the genetic counselor on call can be reached at 816-915-5240.

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