

Project: Personal Health Record for Persons with DD
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Abstract: To receive good medical care, it is essential for the health care provider to review a summary of the patient's medical history. However, most adults with a developmental disability do not have a comprehensive record of their health history.

The final specific outcome of this project will be a Personal Health Record (PHR) form, developed specifically for individuals with developmental disabilities. People with developmental disabilities need a clear, concise record of their family history and their own medical history in order to access quality health care and to assist in developing their health treatment plan. After the PHR is finalized in English, it will be translated into Spanish.

The project anticipates several positive results for persons with developmental disabilities, including: 1) improvement in the provision of health services because health care providers will have a clear, concise health record; 2) self-determination in planning for prevention and screening tests; 3) increased knowledge of their own special health care concerns; 4) improved health, wellness, and longevity; and 5) reduction of medical errors

Deliverables

The final outcome will be a validated **Personal Health Record (PHR) form**, developed specifically for individuals with developmental disabilities. People with developmental disabilities need a clear, concise record of their family history and their own medical history in order to access quality health care and to assist in developing their health treatment plan. The PHR will facilitate the incorporation of medical information into an electronic medical record (EMR) when EMRs start to be used.