

## WHAT IS THE CURES ACT?

In early 2021, the 21st Century Cures Act (also known as ONC's Cures Act) is going into effect. This law improves how patients access and control their electronic health information through smartphones and apps like [MyChart](#).

## WHAT'S CHANGING IN MY CHILD'S MYCHART ACCOUNT?

Previously in MyChart, access to your child's clinical notes was limited, and test results like labs and radiology did not always appear in the patient portal right away.

Now, you can see all of your child's health information as soon as it's available, including clinical notes that you didn't have access to previously.

If your child is age 13 or up with an active MyChart account, they can also activate their own MyChart account to access much of their own health information.

## DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY?

**Talk to your child's doctor to make a plan for lab or imaging results.** Although you now have the ability to see results as soon as they're available via MyChart, your child's doctor may advise you to wait to hear from them directly, so they can explain and discuss sensitive information.

**Talk to your teen.** Encourage them to [activate their MyChart patient account](#), if they haven't already, to get access to their own health information and take an active and age-appropriate role in their health care. Talk to them about the information that's available to them, and make a clear plan for how and when to look at sensitive information like test results.

## WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Talk to your child's doctors, and learn more at the national [Cures Act website](#).