

Priority Research Questions—Adolescent Patients in Oakland

1. How can having a suppressed immune system due to my treatment and the frequent illnesses that result, affect my long-term health?
2. What are the long-term effects of my medications?
3. Will my chronic illness get passed down to my children?
4. How does stress affect my condition?
5. How can we learn more about familial or genetic causes of chronic condition? It is important to know why this happened to me? If there is no known genetic connection to my chronic illness, then how else did I get it? What other factors contribute to this?
6. What can be done to make sure teachers are more understanding of absences for medical treatment—even when I don't "look sick"?
7. How does having a child with chronic illness affect parents-physical and emotional health?
8. How does my chronic illness affect my siblings growing up?
9. How can tests like SAT better accommodate young people with chronic illness?
10. What can schools do to make it easier for kids to keep up when they need to be absent or can't do as much?
11. What can be done to maintain my treatment during college, what services can continue, will I always need to come home or will they have the services I need?