

Homocystinuria Ages 1-18 years

Clinic Visits:

- At least every 6 months

Laboratory studies:

- Monitoring of diet
 - Plasma amino acid levels
 - 1-6 years: at least every 3 months
 - 6-18 years: at least every 6 months
 - Plasma total homocysteine
 - 1-6 years: at least every 3 months
 - 6-18 years: at least every 6 months
 - Targeted levels:
 - Homocysteine < 50 µmol/L
 - Methionine <1000 µmol/L
- Yearly:
 - Prealbumin/albumin
 - Ferritin, transferrin, or iron studies
 - Possible CBC, hemoglobin, and hematocrit
 - Possible Folate and vitamin B12
 - Possible nutritional labs (zinc, selenium, vitamin D, essential fatty acids, and lipid profile)

During illness:

- Call Metabolic Clinic to alert them that your child is sick or needs surgery
- Emergency letter for thrombosis (blood clotting) risks with surgery and illness

Evaluations:

- Ophthalmology evaluation yearly
- Yearly developmental questionnaires to be completed by parents
- Developmental evaluation at 3 and 6 years old
- Neuropsychological evaluation at 9 years old
- Psychiatric screening at 18 years old
- Bone Health
 - DEXA of spine at 6, 9, 12, and 18 years old
- Possible orthopedic evaluation
- Possible neurology evaluation

Topics:

- Biochemistry and genetics of Homocystinuria
- Complications of Homocystinuria
 - Dislocated lens in the eye
 - Risk for thrombosis
- Diet/management
 - Methionine-restricted diet
 - Importance of medical formula

- Introduction of low protein food
- Possible pyridoxine if responsive (most individuals detected by NBS are not)
- Folate
- B12
- Betaine
- Possible L-cysteine if levels are low

Please make sure your child has clinic visits and levels done on time. Call the Metabolic clinic at _____ to make an appointment, schedule a blood draw, or with any other questions.

Thank You,
Your Metabolic Team

