# **Creating Booking Alerts**

## When booking the appointment:

Be sure to include a notation in the MD/NP/RN schedule that indicates that this is a patient with a developmental disability. In lieu of booking for a regular physical (e.g. "a CPX"), consider noting "DD-CPX". This may help prompt the clinician that there are modifications (and specific tools) that they may wish to use with this patient.

### Reminder phone call 1 or 2 days before the appointment:

#### Remind the patient:

- They are welcome to bring someone they know well/feel comfortable with to come with them.
- If they have a health booklet or binder, remind them to bring that in.
- Encourage them to bring in any other things that may help them feel comfortable music or headphones, comfort item, glasses, etc.

# At the time of the appointment:

- Ask the patient, or his or her caregiver when appropriate if they have brought in a health booklet (could show them a copy of the Today's Health Care Visit tool). If not, invite them to complete while waiting - if they would like. If they elect to complete one, encourage them to keep it out and show it to the Doctor or Nurse.
- Decide as a clinic if there is a quiet room/available room that can be accessed if the waiting room proves distressing to the patient.

## **Booking Alert example: Practice Solutions**

